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Surrogate mom



Tracy Wilkerson and her husband, Pete Hedden, answered the call to rescue a calf born April 7 at 7 a.m. at Richard Colby's Mt. Mica Road Farm in South Paris. She was one of twins that survived, but the mother, even though she has had calves before, wouldn't nurse this little one. Tracy raced to the Farmer's Union to get a bottle and colostrum and brought a dog coat to warm the six-hour old calf for the ride back to Bethel. "Buttercup" will live at Gould Academy, where Tracy is the director of the Farm and Forest Program, until school ends. She will then move to Tracy and Pete's farm.

(Photo: A. Matolcsy)

Petition anticipated in Newry

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen Tuesday voted 2-1 against setting up a Charter Commission to draw up a town charter.

But Selectman Brooks Morton, who proposed the idea and voted in favor, said after the meeting he expects a citizen petition to force the move. About 15 residents attended the meeting.

Morton began advocating for a charter at the April 1 board meeting, saying the town needed to better spell out the duties of town officials and the procedures for conducting

town business.

In continuing to make his case for a town charter Tuesday, Morton questioned whether combining the offices of town clerk, tax collector and treasurer under Town Administrator Loretta Powers' position was done formally in compliance with state law.

He also said the responsibility for determining how selectmen, town officials and employees perform their duties should not lie within that group, and a charter would provide a framework for setting out those duties.

Morton also advocated

for switching the source of town legal advice from the Maine Municipal Association to a town attorney because he said, "MMA is promoting their agenda, and a town attorney will protect ours. MMA should be Step 1, not the final answer," he said.

Responding to Morton, Selectboard Chair Wendy Hanscom said other towns, like Woodstock, consolidate the offices Morton cited under their town manager. And, she said, "I think we have a history of operating with-

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Telstar modernizes fitness room

By TATUM BROWN

Telstar Middle and High School students are enjoying an updated fitness room, thanks to a \$55,000 federal Carol M. White Physical Education Program grant.

The improvements include new wiring, state-of-the-art commercial grade

resistance machines, weights, ellipticals, stair-climbers, and treadmills, as well as staff training.

New Nordic skis and snowshoes were also purchased to be used by middle and high school students.

The new room has allowed physical education

teachers Steve Keane and Barb Russell to introduce new elements of physical education.

Keane offers resistance and fitness training courses at THS. "We develop an individualized training program for each of the kids, so it's a lot like what you'd see in real life if you joined a gym," he said.

The fitness room is also open to students in grades 6-12 who are not currently enrolled in a P.E. course, as well as SAD 44 staff members.

The grant provided money to have after-school hours Monday through Thursday from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Russell and Keane said they have seen a wide

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Committee to think bigger than dog park/basketball court debate

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel's dog park/basketball court debate morphed into a new town committee Monday, as selectmen agreed with citizen suggestions that a larger plan for Bethel recreation is needed.

The board voted to table plans to put the park and court before voters in June.

Several Bethel officials and citizens said at the selectmen's meeting they were concerned the two proposed facilities – both potentially competing for the same spot on the Pathway/Davis Park property – had turned into an either/or choice.

And that was how some of the discussion went for a time.

Todd Wheeler, who submitted a petition and brought a request to selectmen for a town meeting article to put a court on the proposed dog park site should voters turn down the park, said he was not against a dog park

per se.

"I have three dogs, I'm not against dogs," he told selectmen and about two dozen people who attended the meeting.

But, said Wheeler, "Other towns that have dog parks probably already have baseball fields and basketball courts. I just think our kids should come first."

He also said the question of a basketball court had not come up suddenly. "This wasn't an instant thing. I've been looking at this for two years," he said.

Wheeler said it's difficult to find recreational space for kids in the area. "We live in the western mountains of Maine. That would not be my first choice for town property, is to put up a dog park."

He said the park would cater to tourists visiting the area who are looking for a place to walk their dogs. "This town gets a lot from out of state money, don't get me wrong. But

our kids still need something to do," he said.

The Pathway area is readily accessible for kids on foot or bike, he said. "If you're going to walk your dog in the dog park, why not walk your dog somewhere else?" he asked.

Jane Ryerson, who also said she loves dogs, agreed. "I think a basketball court would be a better investment for our kids than a dog park," she said.

Nancy Brown, a supporter of the park, said it's a misconception that a park would just be another place for dogs to be off-leash and socialize.

"It's becoming more and more of a problem in this area to just take your dog somewhere and let it run," she said. "I live next door to Telstar, and people let their dogs run loose on the fields there, which is a problem in my mind. And dogs were let to run loose at Riverside Ceme-

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Directional sign ordinance detailed

By ALISON ALOISIO

At Monday night's presentation of the proposed new Bethel roadside directional sign ordinance, Ron Savage used his own Black Diamond Steakhouse on the Sunday River Road as an illustration.

"I'm allowed two [signs] on Route 2. That's all I'm allowed," he said.

Savage, a member of the Committee on Sign Ordinance Reform that came up with the proposal, was describing what some businesses situated off state routes and the Parkway would be able to do to direct motorists to their location, should voters approve the plan at their June 12 town meeting.

Those businesses would fall in the "town area," one of three sign areas designated under the

plan.

"Businesses are going to have to make a decision," said Savage. "They're going to have to use their two to the best of their ability."

About 30 people, mostly businesspeople, attended the presentation by the CSOR and the town's sign consultant, David Raphael of LandWorks.

Interim Chairman Laurie Winsor and Raphael presented the key points of the proposed ordinance, which would replace current language, and the graphics that would go with it.

Winsor said businesses located right on the state highways and the Parkway would generally not qualify for directional signs.

"We did not feel it was appropriate to qualify

them for a roadside directional sign because if we went in that direction, there would be signs everywhere," she said.

She cited the proliferation of MDOT signs that prompted Bethel to go to its own system in the 1990s. But that system had recently been deemed too severe in its restrictions, prompting the committee's work.

If the proposal is approved, the town would then conduct a "sign audit" to plan the transition from the current system to the new one.

Those at the presentation asked many questions, but there was no strong opposition to the proposal.

For a list of highlights of the plan details, see Page 4.

Andover withdrawal date expected to be postponed

By ALISON ALOISIO

Andover residents will vote Saturday whether or not to raise an additional \$72,000 – as requested by the SAD 44 School Board – to go with the \$68,000 approved at last month's Andover town meeting to keep the Andover Elementary School open another year.

Without the funds, the School Board could vote formally to close the school. Andover would then face a higher cost to keep it open, as the town simultaneously negotiates to possibly withdrawing from SAD 44.

Residents will also have two new developments to consider Saturday as they make their decision.

At a public informational meeting in Andover last week, Withdrawal Committee members said the town's consultants now believe the town should postpone the date of potential withdrawal from July 1 of this year to July 1, 2014.

In addition, the committee members said

Saturday's warrant includes a second article that asks whether, should the \$72,000 be approved, voters wish to reconsider their March town meeting approval of a 10-year, \$320,000 road bond to fix the Farmer's Hill Road.

More time needed

With time growing short, the Andover committee members said their consultants are advising the town to change the effective date of withdrawal, should voters approve the move. Rather than rushing to put together a budget for AES for the coming school year, they said, waiting until 2014 would allow more time to do a thorough job.

In addition, the town has been negotiating a withdrawal agreement with SAD 44, to be approved by the Department of Education and voted upon by the town. Andover has been aiming for a July 1, 2013 date while SAD 44 has been advocating for 2014.

(Susan Merrow, select-board chair and a member of the Withdrawal Com-

mittee, said after the meeting that the DOE "will be helping to determine a 2014 versus a 2013 start date when they receive the final agreement.")

Merrow told residents at the informational meeting that drawing up a proposed Andover school budget, to be available ahead of the town withdrawal vote, has been delayed until the withdrawal agreement is completed.

She said steady progress is being made, but sticking points such as debt service, assets and the tuition rate to be paid to SAD 44 for older Andover students are holding up crunching the numbers

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Letters

SUPPORT THE PETITION

To the Editor:

Bud Kulik is right. It was unfair, at the special town meeting of Jan. 30, to allow supporters but not opponents to speak before voting. That vote sent a resolution to dozens of high officials in the US and Canada declaring Bethel's opposition to sending tar sands oil through the pipeline that connects Portland and Montreal via Bethel. I support Bud's petition to force the reconsideration of that decision at our regular June town meeting.

That special town meeting was unfair long before the question was called prematurely, though. Almost nobody but the resolution's proponents knew that this resolution would be on the warrant for the Jan. 30 special town meeting until we all read about it in the Jan. 24 Bethel Citizen. This edition contained a front page above-the-fold article about the Jan. 22 meeting of the selectmen attended by two dozen proponents of the resolution and quoting four of them, plus the full text of the resolution, plus a letter to the editor supporting the resolution.

There was nothing in the article about any opposing views, but how could there have been? This article had to go to press only hours after the selectmen's meeting, with no opportunity to ask the pipeline company or the Canadian government for their take on the resolution. Had a reader of the Jan. 24 article written a letter to the editor suggesting that there might be another side to this issue and that the citizens of Bethel would do well to defer voting until they had heard it, that letter would have been published on Jan. 31, the day after the special town meeting.

It is no secret that special town meetings can pass articles that would never pass muster at a regular town meeting, because a few dozen partisans can overwhelm a sparsely attended special town meeting. This is why selectmen are expected to defer all public votes until the regular town meeting, except for things that absolutely cannot wait. This resolution could easily have waited until June, but only Don Bennett recognized this. The other four selectmen were either absent, or were swayed by the weak arguments for urgency or by their own support for the resolution. We deserve better than this from our selectmen.

Scott Hynek
Bethel

(Note: Kulik submitted a petition with 147 valid signatures on Tuesday, according to town officials. The item will be on the May 6 selectmen's agenda.)

4-H MEMORIES SOUGHT

To the Editor:

The Bethel Historical Society and Alder River Grange are seeking memories, photos, and other items relating to the 4-H Club, which this year is observing its centenary in Maine. Since 1913, the 4-H movement has touched the lives of thousands of young people throughout the State. 4-H members learned many skills and enjoyed numerous hours of involvement while working on their various projects from raising field crops and livestock, to woodworking, baking and sewing among many other activities. Countless 4-H activities took place in homes, barns, Grange halls, and other public buildings throughout Maine.

A number of us are attempting to collect memories and historical items relating to 4-H. From this effort, a powerpoint presentation can be produced, which may be shown at Alder River Grange as well as other locations. It is also hoped that former 4-H Club members may be identified to participate in a panel discussion of their memories and experiences.

Please call James Haines (824-2828) or me (824-2291) to let us know if you have memories or items that can be recorded or scanned for the historical record. We look forward to hearing from you.

Stan Howe
Bethel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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MORE AUTHENTIC MOLLYOCKETT DAYS

To the Editor:

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce was sorry to learn that Sara Wright experienced so much difficulty and frustration in her efforts to be involved with MollyOckett Day in the past. The year she contacted us, 2006, the Chamber was not actually hosting MollyOckett Days. Our first year hosting the event was 2011.

Our goal in creating a more authentic MollyOckett Festival at this point is to work with Wabanaki tribal members, to connect with the most genuine cultural ties, traditions and history of the state of Maine native peoples. Since MollyOckett was a Wabanaki Confederacy tribal member, it is worth it to our committee to compensate tribal citizens who are artists, musicians, dancers and herbalists.

We would like to emphasize to all who have enjoyed attending MollyOckett Day over the last 50-plus years that is our plan to keep the cherished aspects of the festival as the homecoming and celebration that it has been, as well as expand it in this meaningful way. One change the committee thought would be a positive one is to replace the Miss MollyOckett contest with an essay contest. We are encouraging all local students who are willing to do research on MollyOckett and to write an essay on her life, her work, and the true history of the time in which she lived. The submitted essays will be judged and we will be providing two \$350 awards to those deemed best written and most historically accurate.

We feel we owe it to the Wabanaki people in Maine to make it possible for them to present the most clearly true picture of their culture at our festival. This is the way we can best honor their past, their present, and MollyOckett herself - and at the same time, we can continue to enjoy this wonderful summer festival!

MollyOckett Days Festival Task Force Committee

GREENWOOD SHOULD NOT PAY

To the Editor:

On the article to ask Greenwood taxpayers to raise money for Bethel's MollyOckett Day, ask yourself who benefits from this day? It is the businesses in Bethel. The people from Greenwood that attend spend their money at the stores, restaurants, and festivities.

Therefore, the stores and the town that benefits from the festival should fund the cost, not the taxpayers from Greenwood. In fact the Town of Greenwood should ask the Town of Bethel to appropriate money for maintenance of the town beach which they use, and for maintenance of the ball field which they use for football practice.

Kenneth Roberts
Greenwood taxpayer

LOCAL FOOD CONNECTION

To the Editor:

On April 26 from 5-8 p.m. The Local Food Connection, the organization dedicated to building a sustainable movement in the greater Bethel region that encourages people to grow, prepare, serve, purchase and consume local foods will be hosting an annual meeting and potluck at the Bryant Pond 4-H Center.

Entitled "A Spring Freshet" we will first ask you to consider what you'd like to do, or do more of, or invite others to help you do, to realize the change you are hoping for in how we feed ourselves and our community. Then, we will use this facilitated discussion to motivate our work in the future. The Local Food Connection is making this meeting open to the public and are inviting all community members, school faculty and administration, and town officials to attend. Please RSVP with Amy Scott at aef-scott@gmail.com.

Gabe Perkins
Bethel

SNOWMOBILE THANKS

To the Editor:

On behalf of the members of the Greenstock Snowsports Snowmobile Club, I would like to thank all those landowners who had opened their properties so that we can enjoy the winter season. We had some wonderful riding in areas that are off limits during other times of the year. If you ride and you personally know a landowner, please thank them. Without them, we would have to load the snowmobiles and trailer them elsewhere. Because of the generosity of the landowners, we have some of the best riding in western Maine.

I would like to thank all the club members who had worked innumerable hours to give us great trails: Grayson Wakefield, Gary Okenquist, Robert Lowell, Jim Hagar, Jim Dougherty, Gary Whelpley, John Rosen, Chris Merrill, Alan Merrill, Bill Waite, Rick Young and Ray Crockett. Special thanks go to Arlene Lowell for use of her property and her unending patience for the club. Thank you again.

Edie Okenquist
Greenstock Snowsports Snowmobile Club

NOT A PLEASANT THING

To the Editor:

We enjoy watching the dogs being walked by our house on Paradise Hill and we see the owners graciously putting their hand inside a plastic bag to pick up their dog's you-know-what, which they then turn the bag right-side-out and take home to discard. The "stuff" never touches their hand, nor does it ever touch anyone else's feet. However, several days ago I stepped off the pavement when a car drove by and, guess what I stepped in with my brand new sneakers? Yup...and it was, well...you can visualize it...a large dog's squishy...well...Anyhow: PLEASE, dog owner's, think how you would want to be treated and how unpleasant it is to try to get the "product" out of the grooves in your sneaker treads.

Thanks.

Lida Iles
Bethel

Celladore

'The other side of the coin'

Pat, herself, hadn't fallen off since her first year of riding when she slid easily into the blueberry field and got up laughing. But came a day in spring when there was hot, hot sunshine and I filled the lines with winter wools to air before packing them away. It was a joy to fling them up in the early morning, but I always take too many. By evening it is a chore to stash them all away. I had two tubs of rainwater so thought it would be a fine day to wash the summer living room curtains, old and fragile, so put them to soak. B.B. came in asking for an early lunch as he was going off with Big Jim to help castrate some colts. Came Bobby Brown for one of his twice-a-year visits. He brought a great stack of conservation magazines. I fixed coffee for them and he was off. Came Pat riding out for the first time since last fall on her new young Arab. B.B. had suggested that for the first trip she wait until he could go with her, but she had always had older mounts, was sure she would be all right alone, so she trotted off into the woods. I fixed B.B.'s lunch and he started off on the tractor to leave it at Big Jim's in case they returned early enough for him to plow a piece of field. I started to rinse the curtains, heard a great to-do. B.B. was backing the tractor back into the shed. Big Jim appeared in the car with Patti and Larry. Pagliachi had come home riderless; Patti had caught him in the barn and told her father about it. So a search was on for Pat. Just then she appeared limping across the birch pasture. We ran to escort her in.

Pagliachi had been startled by a falling branch; it was sharp and bradded him. Pat had fallen off and for the first time hurt herself. She was weeping and cross, more from chagrin than pain. The peregrine falcon appeared and swooped low over our heads, almost as if to show up mortal weaknesses. Jim had sent Jenny up through the woods trail to check that; she was not here yet. The men left in the truck, leaving the car for Pat. I got her into a chair on the porch to rest.

Came a figure racing through the field. This was Sandra G. who lived by the pond. She had seen the riderless horse go by and started at once to check the trail, leaving three small children alone. She didn't dare wait to ride so, after catching her breath, went off down the road. Finally Jenny appeared. As soon as she was near enough to see her mother sitting calmly and not hurt, she slowed down. She arrived, sat down on the porch and began bemoaning her fate. She was supposed to be going to a friend's to play for the afternoon and was going to be late. Pat had recovered so they went off for home in the car. Back to the curtains, came Dotti to take Sandy out. The weather had changed; though it was the middle of May, we needed a furnace fire that night.

B.B. checked on Pat next morning. She was lame but had no serious injuries, was sure that in three days she would be ready to go out again but this time not alone. It is pleasant to live in a "neighborhood." Each goes his own way but is always ready to lend a hand when needed. Life with horses is never dull.

Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Gilead selectmen were looking for volunteers to serve on a planning committee for the town's 2004 bicentennial celebration.

Arthur J. Rouleau, rural carrier at the Bethel Post Office, was presented a 25-year service award and pin.

Deaths: Shirley Seames, Jerry A. Greenwell, Jr., Mildred B. Cushing.

20 years ago: It took 33 firefighters from three departments an hour to put out a fire that destroyed the dry kiln building at Kendall Dowell Mill.

The Planning Board gave its final approval to plans for a \$4.9 million addition to Crescent Park School.

Births: Megan Gene Anthony, Meredith Rose Cox.

Deaths: John R. Mills, Earlyn D. Crouse.

30 years ago: Mrs. Annie Crockett, former Woodstock High School teacher, was presented the Community Service Award at Franklin Grange.

Robin Boyce, Melinda Wilson, Bruce Fraser, Jeff Hodges, and Dick McDonald were selected for the 1983 Youth Conservation Corps Program on the White Mountain National Forest.

Deaths: Homer S. Farum, Mrs. Bertha May Jordrey.

40 years ago: The Bethel Mother's Club and the Chamber of Commerce sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt.

Mrs. Marilyn Wheeler purchased the former Joseph Perry house in West Bethel village.

Births: Mathew William Hamilton, Michael David Arsenault.

50 years ago: The Mt. Abram Fish and Game Association sponsored a baked bean supper at the West Bethel Grange Hall. The proceeds were to be used to build a public right-of-way to Indian Pond.

Miss Betsy Chapman accepted a teaching position at Foxcroft Academy, Dover-Foxcroft.

Births: Scott William Decker, Bruce Gerard Perham.

Deaths: Carl L. Brown, Dr. Gilbert J. Rich, Mrs. Marion V. Pashake, George Redding.

60 years ago: The eighth grade of Crescent Park School enjoyed a trip to Augusta and attended a session of Legislature.

Cpl. Elmer Bean, Jr. arrived home to spend a 30-day leave with his parents after having served 11 months in Korea.

Birth: Carla Jane Morgan.

Death: Robert L. Foster.

70 years ago: The Methodist Church was undergoing interior decorating. The Grand Trunk Station was being renovated. The office was relocated and the waiting room was enlarged.

Grass fires threatened both Hanover Dowel Mill buildings and Fritz Tyler's box shop.

80 years ago: The president approved a forest camp in the White Mountain National Forest in Stoneham. This was the only camp approved in Maine.

Death: Norman Horton Buck.

90 years ago: Many cords of pulp were landed on the Androscoggin River bank.

Rev. Chester B. Oliver was in charge of the Bethel Boy Scouts.

M. A. Naimy opened a dry-goods store in the Naimy Block.

Alton Hutchinson was working for Frank Bartlett in his carriage shop.

Asa Bartlett moved his family to the Fred Edwards farm.

100 years ago: Smelts were "running" in unusual quantity for the time of year.

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Telstar

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variety of people — staff members and kids from all grades, athletes and non-athletes alike — taking advantage of this opportunity.

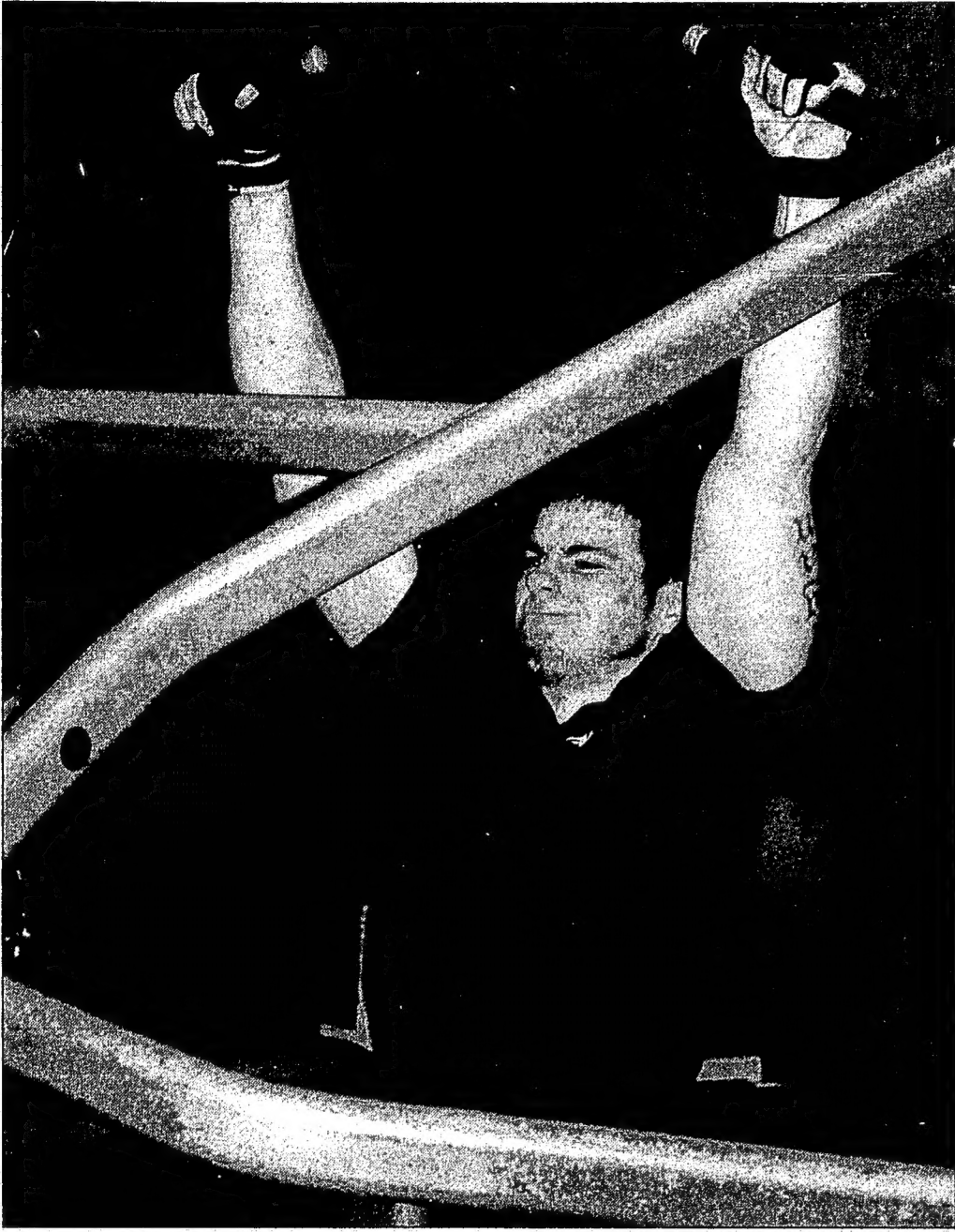
"I love the new weight room," said student Chris Chappie, a member of the football team. "All of the new equipment works

so well and really gets the job done. But there is still more coming into the weight room and I'm so excited. I'm hoping all of my hard work will show up on the football field."

Future plans include adding more new equipment and possibly expanding the after-school hours.

It is also possible to renew the grant to continue improving Telstar's physical education program.

"It's been really encouraging to be able to expand and make improvements in this economy where everywhere you look, cuts are being made," Keane said.



Above, Kurt Morgan works out on a resistance machine in the Telstar fitness room. Right, Calvin Glover uses a bench press as Chris Chappie spots him. (Photos: Tatum Brown)



Andover

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for a stand-alone Andover school unit.

"This makes a huge difference in what the budget is," she said. "These things could make or break whether we think it's affordable to go out on our own or not."

Road bond

Regarding the road bond, Selectman Keith Farrington said there had been a citizen request to possibly reconsider the \$320,000 bond to fix a one-mile stretch of the Farmer's Hill Road.

Farrington said reversing the decision to approve the bond would not help the town's financial picture for this year, because the first payment would not be due until next year. He said the benefit would be over time, "because whatever happens with the school, it's going to be a long-term issue."

The annual payment on that bond would be \$38,964, according to Merrow.

Farrington said the \$72,000 would add about 1

mil to the mil rate.

More opinions

AWC member Paula Lee pleaded with residents to vote the additional funds on Saturday.

"If we raise the other \$72,000, we can finish the withdrawal agreement, and we can get the numbers," she said. "And we as a town can sit down at our public hearings with our agreed-upon withdrawal plan and our own budget, and we can decide, not [SAD 44], whether we can afford it, or not. And we will say whether it stays open or it closes."

Those at the meeting, which lasted a little more than an hour, asked questions and offered some opinions on issues related to the withdrawal.

Dick Merrill was critical of SAD 44's spending priorities. He cited a tentative plan to bus up to a dozen Telstar seniors to Central Maine Community College next year so they can earn first-year college credits, "but they

[SAD 44] still want to close our school."

He also cited \$150,000 in federal funds accumulated in an ERATE technology fund, some of which will be used next year to buy iPads for kindergarteners.

Lindsay Sharkey, who has pre-school children, praised the community atmosphere of Andover and said she wants her children to stay in town to experience it.

"I do not want my children's first memory of elementary school to be riding a bus for an hour and a half [to go to Bethel]," she said.

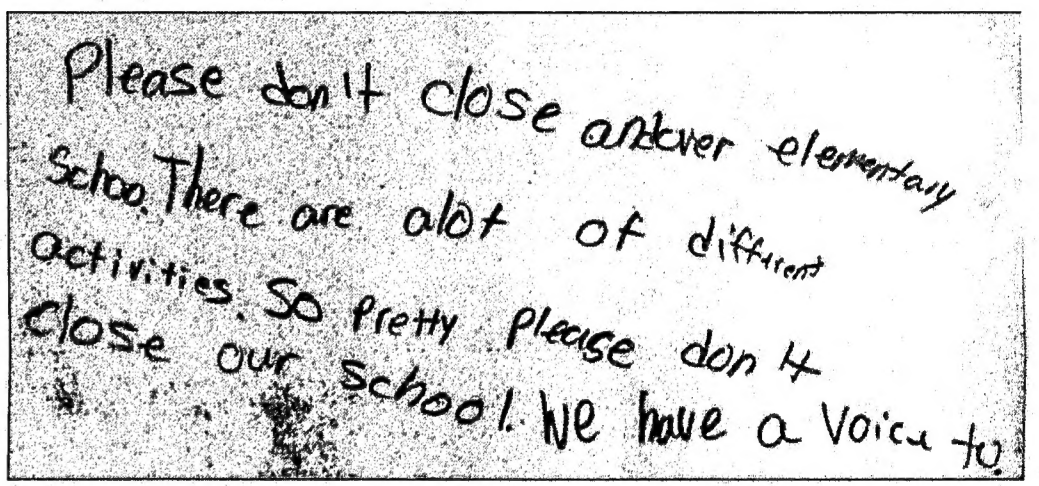
Merrow, as she has throughout the process, noted the importance of a school to the economic health of a community.

She said, for example, a Bethel realtor had told her it has been more difficult to sell homes in Andover in recent years, due to uncertainty about the future of the school.

Saturday's special town meeting begins at 10 a.m. at the Town Hall.



Above, Andover residents listen as the Withdrawal Committee updates them at a public informational meeting last Thursday. Below, sentiments of an AES pupil, part of a display at the Town Hall. There are currently 30 pupils at AES. (Photos: A. Aloisio)



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in the law efficiently, under home rule, that the state also outlines." But Morton said he has been voicing and keeping a record of his concerns about the town, without getting satisfactory results.

Meeting with citizens
He also took issue with Powers telling him when he came into the Town Office recently that "it was not appropriate to meet with citizens. Reference was made to a meeting I called with some people who were in the area to meet at Fred Burk's, to have them come and listen to what I had to say. That's freedom of assembly. There's nothing wrong with that."

Countered Powers, "I feel if you call one person you should call everybody." She said she believed selectmen "usually work as three, not as one. When people have any questions, they should either call all three or come here to the office. I always thought that was part of my job. They ask questions, and I ask them to put it in writing so I can bring it to everybody, all at the same time. Personally, this looks like your agenda, it doesn't look

like their agenda. It looks like your personal agenda. And I know that's not what you mean, but that's how it looked to us."

Powers later suggested selectmen put the question of a Charter Commission to townspeople at a public meeting, giving them a choice of pursuing the charter, or possibly looking at bylaws or just changing policy.

Selectman Gary Wight agreed.

"You have a certain number of towns in the state that have charters, you have a certain number that have bylaws ... I don't know why we can't let the people decide which way we're going to go," he said.

But Morton said if the board started the commission process, the people could then decide if they want to commit to it.

After about an hour of discussion, Morton moved for selectmen to start the process for a Charter Commission.

But, said Hanscom, "I guess the first way I would like to see the town express interest in a charter is to petition for it. So I won't be voting in favor of it."

Wight joined her in opposition.

Dog Park

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tery, and they had to put signs up saying 'no dogs allowed.'"

She said she believed there's land available for both a park and court.

Town Manager Jim Doar said he had received e-mails from two people suggesting a committee that could first come up with an overall recreational plan for the Davis Park/Pathway area.

One, Dennis Doyon, attended the meeting. "I think there's probably some fairly limited land along that Pathway for recreational opportunities, and that's why I suggested to Jim a committee be formed to look at what the whole area may look like, what we may need for support services, and what those costs may be," he said.

The Pathway area totals 16.5 acres.

Ron Savage agreed with Doyon. He also suggested looking beyond the Pathway for other recreational space, possibly on nearby private property with more parking.

"I would slow down a little and look at the avail-

able space, and then make a decision based on that," he said.

Savage said it would be important to have a design such that facilities are not too spread out for the sake of parents with kids of different ages and interests.

With that in mind, he said, "It might be easier to move the dog park to a more remote location than it is necessarily the kids."

Other suggestions for alternate locations for recreational facilities included town lots at the airport and SAD 44's Ethel Bisbee property in Bethel Village.

Wight said it would be helpful for the Dog Park Committee to know soon if townspeople want a park at all in any location, so the members could plan whether or not to continue fundraising.

The board eventually voted to set up a committee to come up with a larger recreation plan for the Pathway/Davis Park area and perhaps beyond.

Selectmen meet next on May 6, when the committee is expected to be appointed.

Proposed Bethel directional sign ordinance highlights

Types of sign areas

Highway: Lots with frontage on Routes 2, 5, 26, 35, 232 and Parkway.

Village: Lots with frontage on Main Street.

Town: All other lots.

Types of signs

Intra-community signs

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Roadside directional signs

Summary of some eligibility criteria:

Year-round and seasonal businesses, governmental and non-profits in the town sign area;
Year-round and seasonal destinations and businesses beyond Bethel boundaries;

Travelers must change direction from one public way to another to reach the destination or confirm travel in the correct direction;

Signs allowed only if all required changes in direction can be accomplished with the allowed number of signs under the ordinance;

Not eligible if have frontage with adequate visibility and area for sign placement and an entrance on Routes 2, 5, 26, 35, 232 and Parkway;

Those eligible can have no more than two primary signs within a 10-mile radius of each destination.

Placement of roadside directional signs: Signs must be located at least 200 feet in advance of key intersections where travelers must change directions or confirm travel in the right direction and 200 feet away from other traffic control devices. If more than three destinations must be included in advance of a single intersection, multiple sign assemblies shall be used, and shall be located at least 200 feet apart. Where 200 feet advance placement or separation is not physically possible, signs shall be located with the greatest distance in advance of the decision-making point as possible, or with the maximum separation possible between signs but not further than 2,500 feet in advance of the key intersection.

There will be some exceptions for hardship.

Sign requests will be processed in order of their receipt by the code enforcement officer. A sign fee will be charged.

Kiosk system


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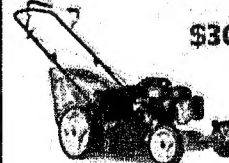
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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



A few weeks ago I noted that the blueets and myrtles would blossom in mid-April this year. A few inches of icy slush and snow on April 12 put an end to that. However, I have seen daffodils and crocuses popping up on people's lawns. A lot of people seemed surprised at the mid-April snow. It isn't unusual to have snow this time of year even at the low elevations. Many people can tell you about May snowstorms. On May 11, 1963, it snowed six inches. I remember

Doris Lord, a sixth-grade teacher at Crescent Park School, drove several of us to a math fair at the University of Maine in Orono that day. For me, the late spring snow made a more lasting impression than the fair.

This week, April 14-20, is National Library Week. The theme this year is "Communities matter @ your library." If you haven't been to the Bethel Library lately, now is the time. Libraries aren't just for books anymore. In addition to books, the Bethel Library has magazines, audio books, electronic books, and DVDs. You can use a computer inside the library or access your wireless 24/7

from the library. The library has both new releases and classics. I found out this week that the Bethel Library has complete sets of the Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys mystery series. You can keep updated at the library's website www.bethellibraryassociation.org.

Earth Day is April 22. This year's Earth Day focuses on how climate change is affecting people, animals, and places. You don't have to attend a rally, plant trees, or give a huge donation to participate. Organizers are asking everyone to think of one way they can do something on that day to improve the environment.

I'm doing my annual pick-up of trash along a stretch of Route 26 My mother initiated this annual rite of spring long before Lady Bird Johnson began her beautification of the highways in the 1960s. The trick to spring clean-up along the roadways is to start right after the snow melts from the road banks and while there is still a touch of ice in the ditches. One year we waited too long and disturbed dozens of snakes who had crawled under pieces of tar paper that had blown off the mill buildings across the street. So, this week is perfect for clean-up and celebrating Earth Day.

If you have news to

share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Monday was a sad day to be gathering information for the column, Love,

sympathy and prayers to the families of those who died and to all those injured in this horrific act of cowardice.

Karen Lanther and Judith Smith from Bucksport were visitors at Arlene Harrington's Thursday and Friday. They had a wonderful time together.

According to Susan Wight, it's been a great wildlife week at the Bartlett Cemetery. There are geese and ducks on the river, especially in the early mornings. A large moose went through the cemetery the evening of the 11th and frightened four deer walking through the field. The deer retraced their steps and went around the cemetery as the moose crossed the road and headed up the hill beyond the Savage's firewood place. The Northern Harrier or marsh hawk has floated around the fields, three tom turkeys and a flock of hens strolled through the area and the phoebes and tree swallows are back. A male cardinal has arrived to keep company with the female that stayed here all winter.

The spring cleanup of the cemetery has begun with a pile of sticks and debris being made at the entrance, preparing for the town crew to pick it up. Spring has begun!

I received a message from my friends Jackie and Ted, who are caretakers of a camp, River Junction in Nobleton, Fla. They told me that Bill

Swan was a camper there just recently. What a small world. I would love to hear from Bill to hear a bit more about this camp. I can be reached at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net, thank you.

Don't forget about the Fish Fry this Saturday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Legion Hall. Hope to see many of you there. Have a great week.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



The way the weather was acting last week, it was uncertain whether it was

winter or spring! The little chipmunk came out at the end of the week, but decided that it was still winter and went back underground for a few days when the snow and sleet arrived last Friday. By Sunday, he was out and about busily gathering seeds.

My brother, Steve McLain, was at the house last Saturday. Since I knew he was going to go down the North Road to stop at Brad and Carole's house, I decided to make some No Bake Cookies for him to drop off. Brad likes those cookies and they were just a little extra way of saying thanks for keeping us plowed out this winter. Some days Carole did the plowing, but Brad stopped by to plow a couple of times in the early hours of the morning. It seems like we had a lot of snow this winter to plow and move around.

Mary Tyler was coming home from Bethel last week and had two moose walk out in front of her on Route 2. One of them was slightly bigger than the other, so they were possi-

OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Wednesday, April 10

At 10:35 a.m. Cpl. Chancey Libby responded to a residential road for a report of a possible trespass.

At 8:24 p.m. a business reported a subject had left under the influence and could be driving. Sgt. Mat Noyes and Cpl. George Cayer responded.

Friday, April 12

At 1:44 p.m. the Norway PD requested a deputy warn a Bethel resident on Route 232 for harassment. Sgt. Tim Ontengco located the subject and gave a warning. The Bethel resident asked that the Norway resident be warned for the same, trespassing and harassment. NPD was advised and the message delivered.

At 4:30 p.m. Sheriff Wayne Gallant and Deputy Nathan Bowie responded to the Gilead Road for a car crash. The subject, traveling west on Route 2, lost control due to weather conditions and rolled the vehicle. The subject was treated for minor injuries and released. The vehicle was totaled.

At 4:47 p.m. a caller advised a rental truck off the road and on a lawn on the West Bethel Road. Sheriff Wayne Gallant responded.

Saturday, April 13

At 12:42 a.m. a driver slid off the Songo Pond Road due to slippery road conditions. Deputy Chris Davis responded.

At 6:06 p.m. Deputy Nathan Bowie responded to the Walkers Mills Road for a report of a vehicle driving erratically. The vehicle was located and the operator advised he was avoiding pot holes.

Sunday, April 14

At 11:12 a.m. a caller reported following a vehicle on Route 26 that was tailgating, swerving and making bad passes. People had to pull over to get out of the way. The vehicle turned right at Davis Park. Deputy Josh Wyman was assigned.

Monday, April 15

At 12:21 p.m. a caller reported his keys were missing from a skidder on the East Bethel Road, and he had an idea who might have taken them. Deputy Willie Nelson was assigned.

At 2:13 p.m. on Route 2 Deputy Willie Nelson did a traffic stop and an arrest on Route 2.

This report highlights points of interest from the Oxford County Sheriff's Department Bethel Patrol log.

Information/background provided on drug activity in Bethel area

By ALISON ALOISIO

At the time Sheriff Wayne Gallant presented his 2012 year-end report to Bethel selectmen regarding his department's activities in protecting the town, he said he saw addiction as the primary driving force behind much crime.

As a followup, the Citizen later asked the OCSD to provide some additional information on drug-related activity in the Bethel area.

Chief Deputy Hart Daley reviewed department reports from 2011 through January of 2013. He provided the following information.

In that time period, the OCSD has handled 37 drug incidents (at least 12 of which were marijuana) and 33 burglaries (residential). "The illegal drug trade is a secretive business so it is difficult to directly link a specific drug to a specific burglary. It is widely known that the majority of desperate people committing burglaries are doing so to support their drug and/or alcohol habits. Currently there is a nationwide problem involving prescription drugs. The drugs are purchased on the street in a variety of pill dosages and costs ranging between \$10 and \$30 dollars a pill depending on supply/demand circumstances.

"According to MDEA staff, Maine's biggest problem is cocaine and prescription drugs. These drugs can filter into Maine from the south, north, and west, sometimes from foreign countries where there is little or no regulation on the manufacture and sale of the drugs. Route 2 is our major east/west highway and 26 also is a major route north/south in Oxford County for drug traffickers.

"Maine is also battling another issue with marijuana, which is widely grown indoors due to our short growing seasons outdoors because of our climate. With the legalization of 'medical marijuana' and a very poor state monitoring/registering/tracking and inspection program, we are always running into cases that involve 'medical marijuana patients and providers that are regulated by DHHS. There is very poor accountability with this program, lack of funding and other administrative issues at the state level."

SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy was asked to provide what information he could on drug incidents in the middle and high schools during the school years 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and through January of this school year.

The records show there were no such incidents at TMS in 2010-2011, and one at THS. In 2011-2012, there were three at TMS and two at THS. Through January of this year, there were none at TMS and one at THS.

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bly a cow and last year's calf.

Mary also had some good news that she has had another poem published. She has already received the book in the mail the other day and her poem was the first one in the book. Congratulations to Mary for a job well done!

Lise McLain attended the Senior Citizens Club potluck dinner at the Methodist Church in Bethel last Wednesday, April 10. She mentioned that she previously had a chance to visit with Barbara Mahler at Ledgewick. Barbara, who is also a member of the Senior Citizens Club, has since returned home and attended the dinner, too.

Steve and Lise McLain want to send out Happy Birthday wishes to two of their grandchildren, Quinn (April 11) and Marina (April 19). Quinn and Marina are the children of Major Stephen McLain. Stephen and his wife, Peachy, and children, Marina, Nathan, Quinn and Evan, are living in the country of Norway.

While shopping for a birthday present for Marina, Lise was pleased to be able to purchase some 22 Karat gold items, which she says are unusual to find. She was in the antique store, Second Treasures, in Oxford and found a Martha Washington decorative plate and six Victorian decorative plates.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVCW met Monday night, April 8, at the Grange Hall with 12 members present. The Charter was draped in memory of Real Daughter Emily Jane

Dinsmoor Stevens. Communications from the Department of Treasury, Gail Butterfield and Sharon Silver, thanking us for help on the chowder fest. Reports on names for Honor Roll, Senior Citizens Dinner, and Memorial Day. Norman Clanton will be speaker for Memorial Program. Vicky read what happened in 1865 on this date. Denise Swan and Elena Noyes received their 50-year pins. Calls reported were 35. Mystery package went to Vicky Myers. Next meeting will be on May 13 at the Grange Hall.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening is Prayer Meeting. Sunday, April 28, is "Love Your Church Sunday." It is the church's 157th birthday. A special offering will be taken for the building fund. A special birthday cake following the evening service. Everyone invited.

Telstar Seniors may apply for the Woodstock High School Alumni scholarship if they had a grandparent or great-grandparent that graduated from Woodstock High School. Sign up at your guidance office.

From Larry Billings: Although I retired some time ago as Curator of the Woodstock Historical Society, I feel it is time to call attention to the chief achievements of my years with the Society.

First, when all is said and done, three-quarters of all the exhibits in their museum will have come from me. And second, I met everyone from Loretta Lynn to Tom Cruise and have letters from our past five U.S. Presidents, which will be housed in the museum. I fully expect their museum will equal any in the area as a result. Combine this with the memorabilia of the town others have given and Woodstock's will be a world-class museum full of fine exhibits.



K9 AWARD WINNERS-Warden Norm Lewis of Woodstock and his dog, Clyde, recently received the 2012 K9 Search and Rescue of the Year award at the annual Maine Warden Service ceremony in Winslow. The award was for their involvement in an incident on Oct. 22, 2012, according to spokesman Doug Rafferty. Norm and Clyde responded to help the State Police and the Oxford County Sheriff's Department in a search for a missing 83 year-old woman in Canton. "Due to scent contamination, many hours missing, and cold temps the search was a challenge," Rafferty said. "After almost an hour searching, Norm observed a distinct change in Clyde's behavior. Clyde brought him to a pile of leaves below an embankment where they found her face down. She showed signs of life when she blinked her eyes. Norm stayed with her until help arrived and she was brought to the hospital. She had suffered hypothermia and a massive stroke, and died one week later. Locating her alive provided the family with the opportunity to be with her during her final days."

(Photo courtesy Maine Warden Service)

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



I wish I had words to address the violence and hatred that struck Boston. I don't.

May the good people always greatly outnumber the evil.

Town Hall or Legion Hall? The Building Committee as well as Budget Committee want your opinions about which option we should pursue for a new town office location. The Budget Committee meets Tuesday, April 23, 5 p.m., at the Town Office on Bird Hill Road. That is one opportunity to have your say on this matter. There will be more discussion at the annual Town Meeting, May 18.

The stump dump is

open for the season, and the hours are Wednesday 9-1, Saturday 9-3, and Sunday 9-1.

The ice still covers the ponds as I write this, but it may be gone as you read this. Ice-out on the Greenwood ponds is coming very soon. The ice went out on Norway Lake Monday afternoon, April 15. Can we be far behind?

This Saturday, April 20, is the first of the seasonal fish fries put on by the Greenwood Fire Department. It will be held at the Legion Hall on the Gore Road from 3-6 p.m. \$10 for fish, fries, and beverage. \$8 for the same if you prefer chicken nuggets. Funds raised by this benefit the Greenwood Fire Department and Legion Auxiliary.

Sunday, April 21, Butch Fuller and his musicians will perform at the Green-

wood Town Hall, Main Street, at 2 p.m. You can dance or just listen. Bring cushions to sit on because the seats are hard. Donations will benefit the Greenwood Historical Society.

One of the local signs of spring is the blossoming of the daffodils along Route 26 on Blake Hill heading in to Bethel. They are blooming now. These daffodils have been there many years and are a treat to the eye for many people.

The various creatures of spring are showing up again. Moose are coming down from the hills where they spend the winter. They particularly like the Greenwood Road between Greenwood City and the town garage. Keep a watch out for them. The pileated woodpeckers are around after spending their winter in the deeper woods. And, the deer are starting to hang out near the roads. My young dog saw his first deer along the Greenwood Road. There were three females, and he was quite

impressed by their running ability. Luckily, we were in the car.

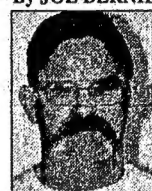
Cathy Newell has been watching and listening to a loon on North Pond. There is something special about those birds with their grace and their yodeling calls.

Common mergansers and red-winged blackbirds have returned to the pond. A pair of Canada geese have staked their claim to the Round Pond cove by the causeway and aggressively chase any other geese that have hopes of sharing that spot. An immature bald eagle (no white head or tail yet) has been checking the open water situation of late. I doubt he was very impressed, but that will change soon.

We have the gift of evening given back to us. No longer does our day go from light to dark before supper. After the evening meal is finished and the clean up is done, there is now lingering light. We have time to enjoy the remainder of the day. Maybe it is enjoying time with children, maybe it is taking a walk, or maybe watching out the window as the day eases away. Evening is a time to relax, chill out, and take a breath of all that surrounds us. Evening, it is good to see you back.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Ladies Aid Association will have weekly work meetings. They will

meet Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at Leslie Aron's house. They will be working on their annual quilt.

The Upton Historical society will meet Sunday at 1 p.m., April 21, at the Upton House. The meeting will set the direction, goals, schedule and agenda for the year.

The Letter B Notch Riders met Sunday, April 14. They discussed trails, bridges, club rides and events. Their next meeting will be Sunday, May 12, at 9 a.m. at the Upton House.

The Upton Planning Board is scheduled to meet Friday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the town office.

I did not know that cats hibernated, but I did not see the Upton House cat, the Stone, all winter. On Sunday morning, April

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14, there he was! A little thinner, not too awake, peeking out of the barn door. Welcome back Mr. Stone!

Penny has kept a record of snowfall each of the previous twelve years. Five of those years she recorded at least one measurable snowfall in the month of May. (Sorry Harvey)

Please call 533-2010 or email backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Andover

By JANE RICH



The first meeting of the 2013 Olde Home Day Committee was held on Wednesday evening. This is the 33rd year of Olde Home Day which began in 1980 as an offshoot of the 175th anniversary celebration held in 1979. The planning group floated ideas for a theme, but did not settle on any; however, the most viable one seemed to be "Old Home Day Memories." A final decision will be made at the next meeting on May 6. Proposed activities are the skillet throwing contest chaired by Robin Palmer Mosher, a garden contest with Ruth Hilton as chair and the traditional photo, pie eating, arm wrestling along with tractor pulling and racing. There will be games for children, including the new moon-bounce recently acquired by the committee. Anyone in the community is invited to join the committee.

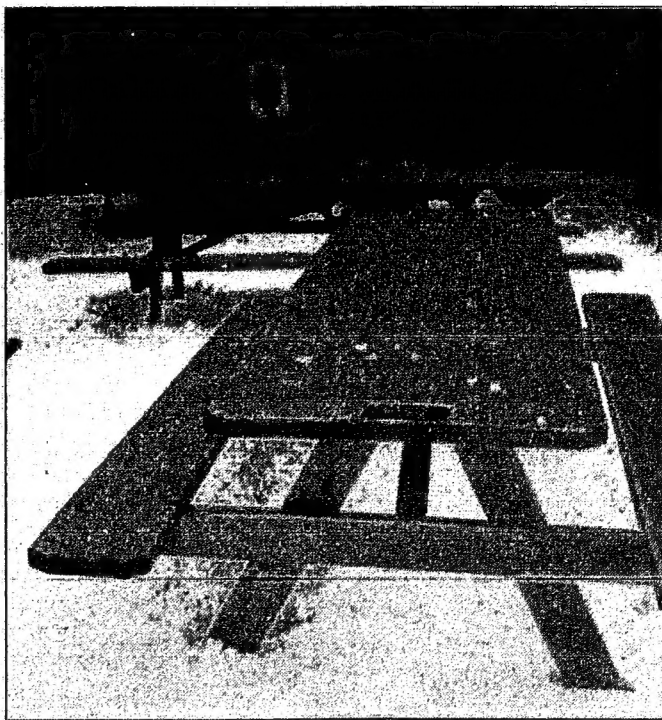
On Saturday, the town was abuzz with the fundraising activities for the Hughes Family. There was a huge turnout for both the auction in the afternoon and the concert with Pete Coolidge and Friends in the evening. In

addition, in between those events John and Carol Emery put on a spaghetti supper. All the events took place in the Town Hall. One of the highlights of the concert was the four Robinson girls singing. The girls come by their talent from their parents who have a music ministry at the Calvary Bible Church. As a viewer of all these adventures, thanks to Jim Coolidge, his many helpers and all the participants for showing once again what a great community-minded town Andover is especially when one of our people has adverse incidents in their life.

The Birthday Supper is being chaired by Amber Cooper and Brenda Ross. The menu includes something for everyone - turkey, ham, assorted vegetables including mashed potatoes. As usual all the tables will be decorated for the twelve months of the year and our best bakers will be coming up with original birthday cakes in various flavors. The supper will take place on April 27 with two sittings, one at 5 p.m. and another at 6 p.m.

Don't forget the special Town Meeting on Saturday, April 20, at 10 a.m. This meeting is to give voters the opportunity to raise and appropriate additional funds of \$72,000 per the request of the SAD 44 School Board in order to keep our school open for the 2013-14 school year as negotiations continue.

A reminder that the Knights of Pythias have undertaken the restoration of the Town Hall stage curtain as a project and are hoping for support from the community for this \$2,000 project. The curtain was purchased and installed in 1926 and if you haven't seen it, you



TABLES DEDICATED AT MT. ABRAM-Last month two new picnic tables were dedicated in the snowfields at Mt. Abram by the Rosenberg family from Bryant Pond. One table honors their parents/grandparents, Peter and Annie Rosenberg, who passionately supported their family's skiing legacy at Mt. Abram since the year the ski area opened in 1960. Today there are more than 25 Rosenbergs that regularly ski at Mt. Abram and more than a dozen who have Mt. Abram season passes. Kevin Rosenberg is Mt. Abram's general manager. The second table was dedicated in memory of Danny Cardillo, who was killed in a skiing accident at the age of 14. Danny learned to ski at Mt. Abram and Ed Rosenberg was his first ski coach. Danny and his family enjoyed many picnics with the Rosenberg family in the snowfields which always included Mystic Mint cookies. The Danny Cardillo picnic table sits in front of a rock cairn built in his memory. These picnic tables will be out year round for skiers and hikers alike to enjoy.

should. It's a great lesson in history about the businesses that existed at that time and the art work in unique. Donations may be sent to Mark Farrington, P O Box 164, East Andover, ME 04226

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



It's looking more like spring. The rain, wet snow and very occasional sunshine are clearing the

snow from the woods. We even spotted some little flowers poking their heads through the snowbank.

Some folks are even starting outside spring clean up. Cans and bottles are getting picked up for a trip to the bottle depot. The rakes have come out to clean up along the edge of lawns and where the snowplows made a muddy mess. It could be that it is time to take the plow off the old pickup truck.

This time of year the moose and deer are more active and they are more

likely to be next to roads where they might find some fresh vegetation.

Some folks have been seen looking through seed catalogs and store displays. They may be planning their gardens for this year. The Rumford Grange 115 will be having a free seed day on Saturday, May 4, at the Rumford Center Grange Hall. Companies in the area that package and distribute seeds to stores and other outlets have donated the seeds.

Sympathy is extended to Vicki and Arnold Clark upon the death of Vicki's mother, Mildred Dresser, of South Paris. She was 80 at the time of her passing. Vicki and Arnold reside on Ellis River Road.

The John F. Burton Memorial Bowling Tournament, a program of the Knights of Pythias, took place last Sunday in Augusta. The team from Cabot Lodge 117 in Andover won second place while Boothbay Lodge took first place. Next year the tournament will be in Brewer and will be sponsored by Schoodic Lodge from Gouldsboro.

Albany

By CATHY BENNETT



Good morning from beautiful Albany in the foothills of Oxford County, Maine! It has been a fairly quiet week here at KD's Acres. Only spent a couple nights in East Bethel.

Wednesday night we attended the K-3 concert at CPS which was very nice. Yesterday Jen, Bella and I made our monthly trip to Lewiston for shopping and lunch out.

Irene Anderson and three of her great-granddaughters, Trinity, Dalhea and Jayden attended the circus in Lewiston.

Sunday, Margaret and Franklin Barton visited Roger and Yvette Barton in Brownfield.

Looking forward to a nice spring vacation. Enjoy your week and welcome spring with open arms - it has been a long winter!

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It is Tuesday, the day after the horrific event at the Boston Marathon. It is

hard to contemplate what people there were going through, runners and spectators alike. It is not unimaginable that something like that would happen. That so many were injured, three fatally, is very sad. By the time you read this, we may know who and why, but maybe not. It was Patriot's Day and Tax Day both, but it may have been just some nut who had an ax to grind. I pray they find whomever was responsible and lock him/her up. Keep everyone else out of harm's way.

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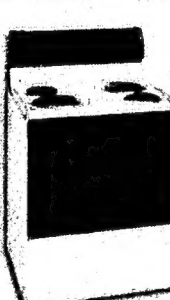


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Saturday, April 20, in Waterford there is an Earth Day Celebration and clean-up at the Town Office. This starts at 9 a.m. and all are welcome.

Saturday, at 5 p.m., there is a Haddock Supper at the North Waterford Church on 5 Kezars Road. It is hosted by the World's Fair Committee.

Sunday, April 21, there is an Earth Day 7 celebration at the Alan Day Community Garden starting at 10 a.m. Barbara Murphy from Cooperative Extension will be there and offer "Gardening 101" At noon there will be a ceremony and food will be available for a small price. Anyone interested in renting garden space can do so for \$20 for a half row. FMI please call 743-2423.

Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. Mountain Poets will hold their annual TOO COLD FOR THE PORCH celebration. This year's event will be at the Norway Library on Main Street in Norway.

All poets and poetry lovers are welcome to an evening of listening and reading good poetry. This year's event is donated to former Mountain Poets member Ben Hull who passed away New Year's Eve. FMI please call Lisa at 743-9808.

That is all for this week. Have a good week and enjoy the sun when it is around.

Mahoosuc Land Trust kicks off final phase of Step Falls fundraising

At a well-attended Open House on Friday, April 12, the Mahoosuc Land Trust announced that it has \$9,000 left to raise to reach its goal of \$40,000 for improvements to the Step Falls Preserve.

Dick Bohr's major lead gift in honor of Mahoosuc Land Trust founder, Ken Bohr, started off the fundraising campaign. It was followed by gifts from all members of the Mahoosuc Land Trust board and a grant from the Margaret C. Burnham Charitable Trust. Additional substantial gifts were solicited from community members during the winter months. The Land Trust is now reaching out to ask everyone in the community to make a gift in order to reach the final goal by June 1.

Improvements to the trail and the parking lot will begin this spring and continue into the summer months. New signage and trail markings will make the trail and preserve boundaries clear. Fragile areas of woodland plants will be identified and protected.

Beginning this summer a group of volunteers will monitor Step Falls regularly. These friends of Step Falls will have the goal of making connections with visitors to this local treasure and encouraging safe and considerate behavior so that all visitors can enjoy the Falls.

Mahoosuc Land Trust Board President Bonnie Pooley remarked to those attending the open house, "The Mahoosuc Land Trust is excited to be coordinating this community effort to protect our local treasure and to keep it a place we can all be proud of."

Valentine Wing thanks from BHS

The Bethel Historical Society wishes to express its sincere thanks to individuals who have made donations toward the construction and maintenance costs of the proposed "Mary E. Valentine Collections Wing."

Those who have made monetary gifts to supplement the recent bequest from the Estate of Mary Valentine are Charles Huntoon, Walter and Carolyn Hatch, Tineke and Marvin Ouwinga, Bill and Nancy White, Charlie and Betsy Raymond, Jack Brooks, Randy Bennett, Peggy Wight, Stan Howe, Jackie Bell, Nancy Lecompte, Bill Strauss, John and Jan Todd, and Donna Gillis. Among this group are several BHS trustees whose continued support of the society's mission to carefully preserve its collections is most appreciated. To learn how you can participate in this exciting project, please call (207) 824-2908 or e-mail the society's main office at info@bethel-historical.org.

In order to conserve heat and reduce fuel costs, the society has been purchasing and installing interior storm windows in its Robinson House over the past several years.

Not only have these custom (and locally) made windows helped the organization save money, but they allow the Robinson House to retain its nineteenth century exterior appearance, an important consideration since the building is listed on the "National Register of Historic Places."

As these windows can only be purchased through the use of "restricted" funds, the society is especially pleased to announce that on April 8 it received a \$500 grant from Franklin Savings Bank for this purpose.

The Bethel Historical Society is grateful for this generous support that will allow the important work of weatherization at the 1821 Robinson House to move ahead.

Biennial Pine Tree Piano Festival at Gould

Nearly 40 students from around the state will compete in the Maine Music Teachers Association's Pine Tree Piano Festival, to be held April 27 at Gould Academy.

MMTA President Amy Maier announced that Gould will play host to this biennial event, in which students from elementary through senior high school grades will compete. Professional concert artists and teachers will make up the panel of judges.

This state-level competition seeks to recognize and reward excellence in performance by the best young pianists in Maine, many of whom will continue on to college-level conservatory study and eventual careers as concert artists and teachers.

The general public is invited to attend the day's events at no charge. The competition begins at 10 a.m. in two venues on the Gould campus. The elementary and senior-level pianists will appear in Bingham Auditorium; middle school-level competitors will be heard in McLaughlin Science Center's Trustees Auditorium. All will assemble later in the afternoon in Bingham Auditorium for the announcement of awards and the Winners' Recital.

The Maine Music Teachers Association encourages excellence in music education by offering professional development opportunities for music teachers, and performance opportunities for music students on all levels. It nurtures the next generation of musicians and music lovers by supporting musical activities in schools and communities throughout the state.

REACH conference May 3

Making The Connection, a day-long conference for individuals who work with families, women and children in Oxford County is planned for May 3 at Crosstones Conference Center in Bryant Pond. Safe Voices (Oxford County's Domestic Violence Resource Center), REACH (Sexual Assault Prevention and Responses covering Oxford County and the towns of Bridgton and Harrison) and Community Concepts Family Services Department are hosting the conference, and it is being sponsored by the Oxford County Wellness Collaborative with grant funding provided by the Bingham Program.

The focus of the day will be on Domestic and Sexual Violence as well as Reproductive Coercion. Attendees will have a choice of two breakout sessions that include two options of the program "In Her Shoes/In Their Shoes," which is designed for learning about domestic violence. Participants in this program will move, act, think and experience the lives of battered women.

In Her Shoes: Economic Justice and In Their Shoes: Teen Dating Violence (designed for adults working with teens) will both be presented by Safe Voices. REACH will offer, "She did WHAT? He said WHAT?" which is a training for early childhood educators working with children ages 0 to 5. The goal of the training is to demonstrate a model for responding to sexual behaviors that promote healthy child development and prevent child sexual abuse. The training draws upon the latest research on child sexual abuse prevention to provide new information and strategies about how to increase early education professionals' skills and confidence in responding proactively to issues of sexual development and sexual abuse.

Conference registration is \$10 per person and includes lunch. The conference will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with registration at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required. Registration forms may be downloaded at www.HealthyOxfordHills.org and are available at the REACH office, 1 East Main Street in South Paris, and Community Concepts, Family Services Department at either 17 Market Square, South Paris or 172 Main Street, Norway, second floor.

Coordination for this event is provided by Healthy Oxford Hills, a Healthy Maine Partnership and a project of Stephens Memorial Hospital. For questions please contact Melissa at 739-6544 or MWakefield@community-concepts.org or Barb Deschenes 739-6222 or barb@HealthyOxfordHills.org

Telstar High School 2013 Softball preview

Telstar returns seven starters from last year's team, including junior Jessica Dirago at pitcher, Seniors Rachael Wheeler in center field, Taylor Savage anchoring first base and returning junior Autumn Morin at third base. Junior Maisey Griffin may be moving to the outfield, sophomore Sadie Ellsworth will be catching with freshman Becca Howard filling in at second, catcher or elsewhere as needed. Senior Autumn Berry returns to the Rebels from a year at Oxford Hills and senior Kelsey Averill returns to the team after sitting out his junior season. Sophomores Katie Merrill, Ellie Conrad, and Annie Cushman will be providing depth to the team and freshman Olivia York will provide pitching depth. The team hopes to combine a strong defense with good pitching to be competitive in the Mountain Valley conference this season. -Coach Jim Lunney

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More on the Chamber of Commerce award winners

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce last week announce the recipients of the 2013 Annual Awards - all who will be recognized at this year's celebration dinner on Friday, May 3 at the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River Resort.

We invite and encourage anyone who would like to attend this wonderful celebration to RSVP to the Chamber office, 824-2282, by Friday, April 26. A complete buffet dinner is available for \$39 per person.

The President's Award is being given to Steve Etheridge this year - in recognition for his years of service to the chamber board, most recently as President in 2011 and 2012. Steve's contributions to both the Chamber and many community causes have been exemplary.

Walter Hatch of Bethel will be the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. Since Walt and his wife Carolyn retired to Bethel in the mid 1980's, Walt's contributions have been numerous and significant. He has served the Bethel Conservation Commission, The Bethel Historical Society, the Mahoosuc Land Trust, Bethel Rotary, the West Parish Congregational Church and so much more!

The Rocky Freda Memorial Award is being presented to Ronald Fournier of Orion Outfitters and Guide Service. Ron is a shining example of all the qualities Rocky had - a love of the outdoors, an amazing ethic to share his knowledge with others - especially the youth - and a fierce devotion to his family.

Sheldon Morgan of Woodstock will receive the 2013 Forest Products Industry Award. Sheldon has worked in the woods his entire life and is being recognized for his work ethic. Sheldon has also been instrumental in organizing a major summer event, the Skunk Run, a day long motorcycle journey throughout the mountains in memory of his son - that raises funds for Telstar HS scholarships.

The Bethel Area Non-Profit Leadership Award is going to Tera Ingraham. Tera has been the Chair of the Mahoosuc Arts Council's Board of Directors for seven years and has served for a total of ten. She has helped keep the Council successful throughout her tenure, helping with the executive transition and keeping the "helm steady" through a tough economy. Additionally, she has helped to develop collaborative projects with the Mahoosuc Kids Association and many other area organizations.

Jessica Doe, owner of Allium Farm in Sumner, is the Rising Star Entrepreneur of the Year. Jessica epitomizes what this award is - she is a fearless entrepreneur, taking her passion for growing things and designing - into her business model. Allium Farm is a new business, but Jessica's "know how" has catapulted the business well beyond the start-up phase. She is also a regular participant in the Local Food Connection and the

Farmer's at the Market.

The Public Service Award is being given to Stanley R. Howe. Stan's list of accomplishments is extensive, as he has served the Town of Bethel, the region and the State in numerous capacities over his professional life. A published author, an historian, a teacher, and community servant, Stan is more than deserving of this award.

The Education Award will be presented to Richard Melville of Greenwood in recognition of his decades of service to SAD 44 as a school board member - dating back to when Telstar High School opened in the late 1960's. In the nomination, it was said that although Richard's dedication has spanned several decades, his involvement today is every bit as energetic as when he began his service!

Jim Sysko is our 2013 Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship recipient. Jim is being recognized for his innovative ideas, his incredible work ethic, and his inexhaustible community spirit. Jim has spearheaded several major winter events for the Chamber, including the World's Tallest Snowman & SnowWoman, the Snow Maze, and most recently the Snow Volcano - all projects that placed Bethel on the world stage! Jim also enjoys sharing his love of engineering and hydro power with youth of the area, helping to inspire young minds!

The Ski Industry Employee of the Year is being presented to Kevin Rosenberg, the General Manager of Mt. Abram Ski Resort. Kevin is an example of someone whose passion, as well as possessing true dedication and willingness to work hard, has culminated in him being named GM of this very well respected area business at a relatively young age. Kevin is being cited as the "ultimate team player who leads his team with respect and compassion." He is a natural born leader who leads by example and works extremely hard to ensure the ski area is successful. Congratulations Kevin!

Gail Buker is the 2013 Hospitality Employee of the Year, a ten year veteran of Crossroads Diner. Frank DeDuca has nominated Gail for her incredible work ethic - being willing to do whatever needs to be done to help with the success of the business. She is being cited as a "true-blue staff member."

The owners of Mahoosuc Realty & Rentals have nominated their administrative assistant Rebecca Hastings as the Service & Retail Employee of the Year and the awards selection committee endorsed the nomination. Rebecca's employers and co-workers all describe her as professionally courteous, having a positive workplace attitude, and a total team player. Having worked at Mahoosuc Realty since 2007 and having experienced several "tumultuous" years, Rebecca has remained totally adaptable, flexible, and empathetic to the staff as well as a true asset to the organization. Well deserved, Rebecca!

The 2013 Business of the Year is being presented to

John and Amy Amann of 22 Broad St. @ Gideon Hastings House. Nominated by their close friend Jeri Brooks Greenwell, John and Amy's efforts are described as "always being willing to go one step further to ensure a memorable and first-class culinary experience." While their business is highly acclaimed, they also are being cited for their generosity and commitment to many causes in the Bethel area. They have provided seed money for the rejuvenated Telstar Football team; the Veteran's No Boundaries program; the fifth grade trip to Boston; the Bethel Skateboard Park; Responsible Pet Care, and many regional and national health causes. Congratulations to John and Amy and the entire staff of 22 Broad St. for exemplifying the spirit of this award - to honor a business that support community endeavors while achieving business excellence!

The Bethel Inn Resort is receiving a Special Recognition Award, in part to celebrate their 100 anniversary, but also for being the "hospitality anchor" of Bethel. Since 1979, under the ownership of Richard Rasor, more than 13 million dollars has been invested in the property between new rooms, the conference center, an expanded and improved golf course, the recreation center, and the construction of both the Fairway Condos and the Mill Hill Townhomes. They employ 100 full and part time folks from the Bethel area and have an annual payroll of 1.4 million annually. The Inn has continued to expand its vacation options and supports dozens of community, regional, and statewide causes. Congratulations and many thanks to owners Dick and Gretchen Rasor, General Manager Allen Connors and the entire team for all you have been and continue to be to the people and businesses of the Bethel Area.

As is the custom, the Chamber Board of Directors presents one surprise Volunteer of the Year Award which will be announced at the dinner. We also present two Student Citizenship Awards to graduates of Telstar HS that will be announced in one of the upcoming issues of *The Citizen*.

Additionally Sophia Bilinsky of SkiESta started a new scholarship program - this year being the second year. Her recipients will also be announced soon and will receive their awards at our May 3 event.

We would like to emphasize that all are welcome to attend this event - you do not need to be a chamber member or business. An RSVP and pre-payment is required by April 26 however, by contacting the Chamber office. Many thanks to our event sponsors Northeast Bank, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Oxford Networks, and Sunday River Resort. Those who attend will enjoy a Silent Auction filled with items donated by members and friends of the Chamber. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact Jessie Perkins at the Chamber office, 824-2282.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor & Nicholas Lutzo, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children, "Sunday Morning Live" for Middle and High School youth; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6:30 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade). Tuesdays: High School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. FMI: 207-824-2289

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wed evening 6:00 Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Gerry Shimamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26). Fr. Robert Vaillancourt may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m.. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday; Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCCO), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sandra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 - 10 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (corner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824.4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Route 117, S. Paris. Pastor Ray Mitchell. Sunday morning service 9 a.m. (summer) with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Singspiration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m. FMI: 689-8000

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. FMI: call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Sunday services: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., (July and Aug. 9 a.m.) Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake. FMI 743-2491.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. FMI 743-2606.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828.

GORHAM, N.H.

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI: 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI: 603-466-2136.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass, 276 King St. Oxford. **Our Lady of Ransom**: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Holy Eucharist, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be

announced. Stone church at the Rotary. 364-2193.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave.. The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 4 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Weekday Mass, 8 a.m. Office 364-4556.

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. 89 Congress St. Adult and teen Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study 6:45 p.m. FMI: 364-3856.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee and refreshments.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m. 207-388-2610.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church - Sunday services, 9 a.m., Sept. to June. 207-674-2365.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School - 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth - 6 p.m.; Word of Life Olympians (kids club) - 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.; Ladies' ministry, food pantry, third Saturday of month. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

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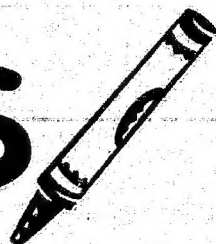
Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson 207-527-2551, Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

MAHOOSUC KIDS



Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

Our thanks to Amanda Jordan and her Kids Create Theater for directing two plays with our afterschool program this spring. "Fairy Tale Favorites" at CPS and "The Three Kings Daughters" at WES. The students worked really hard and gave outstanding performances for their families and friends.

We have some exciting new programs at Telstar Middle School this spring - through the PEP grant we have some awesome outdoor education programs. A new art program is now offered on Mondays where students are writing and illustrating their own books. The goal is to have them share their creations with elementary students at both CPS & WES. We also have a nutrition/cooking program offered for 6 weeks through the River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition.

MKA Summer Adventure Program is close to being ready for publication. This year's theme "Where the Wild Things Are" looks like it will be the most fun we have ever had. The dates are June 26 (Wednesday) to August 16. New this summer we will be doing some sports camps that will run along side our regular program. Much more news about Summer 2013 when the details are finalized.

The Mahoosuc Kids Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16 at 4:30 p.m. at Crescent Park School.

Happy Spring!

Julie Hart,
MKA Director



Cast of MKA play - "Snow White" - EB Hoff, Shelby Thorman, Autumn Harrison, Addie Charette, Ellen & Odessa Files.



Woodstock students recently presented a play entitled, "The Three Kings Daughters" to their friends and family. Pictured are the three kings daughters, Carly Stevens, Lily Schofield, and Madisyn Bean.



Addie Charette - taking a bite from the poison apple in her role as "Snow White" in the MKA play recently presented to the CPS student body.



Gavin and Jaiden Mitchell making slime.

William Myers and Makenzie Eliot baking



TMS students recently spent an afternoon with the staff of Bryant Pond 4-H camp learning first aid.



Alex Chase, Mario DeVivo, Austin Westleigh and Darrin LeClair during science experiments.



Darrin LeClair during science experiments.



Cameron Pecunies at the MKA egg hunt.



Jocelyn Nivus at the MKA egg hunt.



Isabel Chase and Gianna DeVivo making bouncy balls.

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Community Calendar

Saturday, April 20

9 a.m. - **Earth Day Celebration and Clean-up**, Waterford Town Office. All are welcome.
 9 a.m. - **Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine (SWOAM) Meeting**. A program on Maine's Big Tree Contest will be the focus of SWOAM's first outdoor meeting of 2013. Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District officials will begin the program at the Hebron Fire Station and finish up with a trip to the "famous" American Chestnut Tree located at the home of Ann Siekman and Roger Crockett.
 10 a.m. - **Special Andover Town Meeting**, Town Hall. Under consideration: Raising another \$72,000 to keep the Andover Elementary School open for the 2013/2014 school year.
 3 to 6 p.m. - **Greenwood Fire Department Fish Fry**, Locke's Mills Legion Hall. Fish: \$10/plate. Chicken: \$8/plate. Both meals served with fries and a drink.
 5 p.m. - **Haddock Supper**, North Waterford Church, 5 Kezars Road. Hosted by the World's Fair Committee.
 7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band**, South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Old fashioned dance music. Admission: \$5.

Sunday, April 21

10 a.m. - **Earth Day Celebration**, Alan Day Community Garden. Barbara Murphy from the Cooperative Extension will be there to offer "Gardening 101." At noon there will be a ceremony and food will be available for a small price. Anyone interested in renting garden space can do so for only \$20 for a half row. FMI: 743-2423.
 1 p.m. - **Finnish-American Heritage Society of Maine Meeting**, FAH Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Membership potluck dinner followed by the annual meeting and election of officers.
 1 p.m. - **Upton Historical Society Meeting**, Upton House.
 5 p.m. - **5th Annual Earth Day Celebration**, Fellowship Hall, First Universalist Church of Norway. There will be a church supper, which will feature health-conscious selections made from local ingredients. After the supper, all are welcome to attend the church's annual Earth Day Peace Concert, featuring performances by Heather Pierson, Leah Wolfson, The Norway UU Choir, and more. Admission: \$10. FMI: 743-2828.

Tuesday, April 23

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **"Bees and Beekeeping: Why They Matter,"** Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, Bear River Road, Newry. A "Down Home Maine" talk by Carol Cottrill of Rumford, Maine's first woman Master Beekeeper. Carol will speak about the amazing honey bee, why they need us, and why we need them. Presentation followed by Western Mountains Senior College annual potluck dinner. Bring something to share. Free and open to the public. FMI: Bonnie Marien (562-8911).

Wednesday, April 24

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - **SeniorsPlus, Area Agency on Aging**, Rumford Town Office. SeniorsPlus will be available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Thursday, April 25

8 a.m. to 12 noon - **Distraction Driving Workshop**, Telstar Middle/High School. Students in grades 6-12 will go through a series of stations including seatbelts, beer goggles, text simulator, choose your ride, field sobriety test, and backboards and ambulances. Bethel

Rescue, Bethel Fire Dept., Maine State Police, Oxford County EMA, and the Oxford County Sheriff's Office are collaborating to make this a fun and informative day for all.

7 p.m. - **Mountain Poet Society's Annual "Too Cold for the Porch" Event**, Norway Library. Ben Hull (1941-2012) was a beloved Norway resident and poet. His poetry will be celebrated and shared by the Mountain Poet Society. Everyone is welcome.

Friday, April 26

5 to 8 p.m. - **The Local Food Connection "A Spring Freshet"** annual meeting and potluck, Bryant Pond 4-H Center. This event is open to the public and the Local Food Connection is inviting all community members, school faculty and administration, and town officials. RSVP: Amy Scott (aefscott@gmail.com).
 6 to 8 p.m. - **Fawn and Noel's Music for Hope Dance**, 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Refreshments for sale. Open to the public. Donations accepted. Proceeds to benefit the Hope Association.
 6:30 p.m. - **Upton Planning Board Meeting**, Upton Town Office. Workshop at 6:30, building application review at 7.

Saturday, April 27

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **SMILE Fund Sale**. Yard sale in the basement of West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Proceeds benefit the adult dental program. Donated items will be accepted during the week prior to the sale.

9 a.m. - **First Annual Teal Ribbon 5k Run/Walk**, Roberts Frost Preserve, Norway. Sponsored by REACH, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services. Registration: \$25/individual, \$50/family. All ages invited to participate. Water will be served along the course with snacks and prizes to be given at the end. FMI/Registration: Visit <http://sapars.org/teal-ribbon-run-reg.html>, call Lauren Dembski (743-0777), or stop in at the REACH office, 1 East Main Street, South Paris.
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Prescription Drug Take-Back**, Oxford County Sheriff's Offices, Bethel and South Paris. Drop off unused, unwanted or expired prescription drugs for disposal. Anonymous. Confidential. No questions asked. Medications will be turned over to the DEA to be incinerated.

10 a.m. - **Biennial Pine Tree Piano Festival of the Maine Music Teachers Association**, Gould Academy, 39 Church Street, Bethel. Middle school-level competition will be in the McLaughlin Science Center Auditorium. Elementary and senior-level competitions as well as afternoon awards and winner's recital will be at Bingham Auditorium. Free and open to the public. FMI: www.mainemusicteachers.org.

5:30 p.m. - **"Spring Fling" Old Fashioned Barn Dance**, Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, North Newry. Bring a dish to share for the potluck dinner at 5:30. Concert at 7. Dancing begins at 8. Dough Proskit and Sharon Pyne will be playing and calling/teaching contra, circle, and square dances as well as polkas, waltzes, schottisches, and foxtrots. \$10/person, children under 13 half-price. 50/50 raffle. Accommodations and camping available onsite. FMI: 824-2073.

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band**, South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Old fashioned dance music. Admission: \$5.

Wednesday, May 1

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - **Look Good, Feel Better**, Stephens Memorial Training Center, 199 Main Street, Norway. The American Cancer Society is partnering with Stephens

Memorial Hospital to offer this program to area cancer patients. Participants will receive a complimentary cosmetic kit. Trained volunteer cosmetologists will show participants how use the cosmetics as well as wigs, scarves, and other accessories to conceal hair loss. FMI/Registration: 744-6173.

Thursdays, May 2, 9, and 16

Nordic Walking with Kathleen Carroll and Carol Emery, 5 to 5:45 p.m. at Hosmer Field in Rumford and 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. at Akers Ski Walk in Andover. Bring your Nordic Walking Poles or call to reserve free demo poles for the night. You can also choose to rent poles for \$10 per week and receive \$30 off the purchase price at the end of three weeks. FMI/Pole rentals: 364-7408.

Thursday, May 2

3 to 5 p.m. - **Bridging the Generations**, Telstar. Western Mountains Senior College, the Bethel Senior Citizens group, and Telstar Middle School's ArtReach class join together for a celebration of seniors and collaborative intergenerational projects in our community. This event is open to the public.

Saturday, May 4

8:30 to 10 a.m. - **Infant CPR Class**, Ripley Medical Building's Harper Conference Center, 193 Main Street, Norway. Learn the skills to do CPR and choking rescue on an infant up to the age of one year. This is a hands-on experience where you will have an opportunity to practice these skills.

9:30 a.m. - **2nd Annual Lyme Disease Awareness Conference**, Mt. Valley Middle School, 58 Highland Terrace, Mexico. Presentations by Elaine Katz, Amy Gillis and Charly Weir, and Cindy Touchette. A \$5 donation at the door is appreciated, but not mandatory. FMI: Diane (357-1926), Rhonda (826-3076), or e-mail myvalleyldac@yahoo.com.

Monday, May 6

6:30 to 8:30 - **Socrates Café Meeting**, Waterford Library. Topic for May: "Alienation: How connected do people feel to society?" The moderator will be Ed Wood. The group offers a forum to discuss current topics and ideas in a warm, friendly atmosphere. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. FMI: 583-6957 or wla@waterford.lib.me.us.

Thursday, May 9

2 p.m. - **Summer Riding Program Overview**, Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Dianne Ward of Deep Wood farm will be giving a general overview of her summer riding programs. She gives private and group lessons to all ages and abilities. Deep Wood Farm has public trail rides and weekend camping with the horses. This program is open to the public at no charge. Light refreshments will be served.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Breastfeeding Class for New and Experienced Mothers**, Ripley Medical Building's Harper Conference Center, 193 Main Street, Norway.

Saturday, May 11

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Anything Goes Spring Craft Fair and Indoor Lawn Sale**, Hope Association, 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Proceeds to benefit the Hope Association's Special Olympics program. Raffles, Chinese Auction, jewelry, cookie walk, crafts, food, face painting, and more. FMI: 364-4561.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4:30 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office.

SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Sundays, 6 p.m. Andover School Withdrawal Committee meets.

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym.

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.-Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m.- Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m.-Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

First and Third Thursdays of month, 6 p.m.; Bethel Dog Park Committee meets at Mahoosuc Land Trust building. In case of inclement weather, call 836-2100.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.-Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Upton

Sundays, 8 to 11 a.m. -Ladies Aid Society Breakfasts at the

Ladies Aid building, Mill Road, Upton. Breakfasts vary. Cos Donation.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.-Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.-West Paris Baptist Church group foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 11 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-tir course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m.-Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-915 or e-mail: buzzell16@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.- Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2. WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE VOICES

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9

a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6PM to 7:30PM at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH – ORCHESTRAS.

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: *Why did the orchestra have bad manners?*

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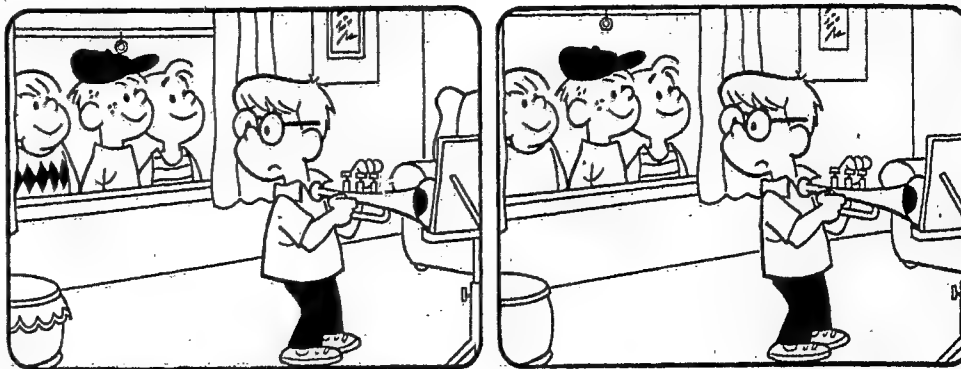
Riddle Answer: _____

For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzzles.com

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Shade is raised. 2. Sweater is different. 3. Hassock is different. 4. Body is slimmer. 5. Picture is different. 6. Chair back is missing.

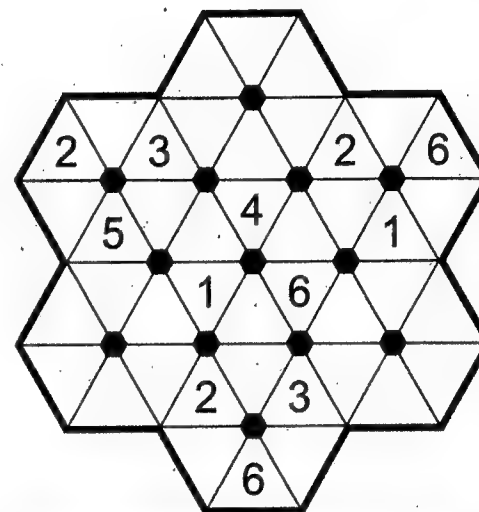
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

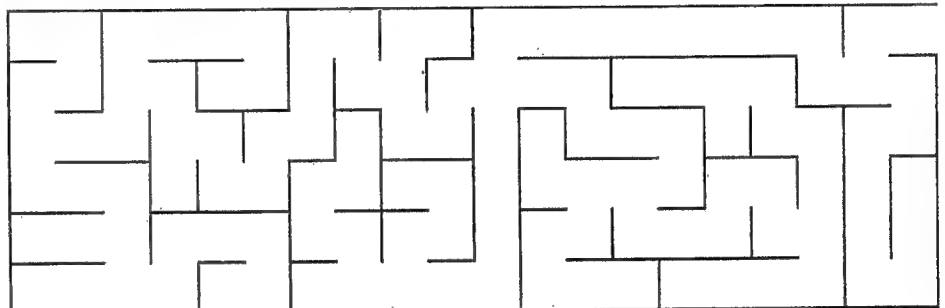


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◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Kids' Maze



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Super Crossword

SQUARE SHARE

ACROSS
1 Non-PC computers
5 Refuge
11 Much more desirable
20 Kauli, e.g.
21 "Sirut" singer
22 Additional unspecified things
23 Speller's clarification
24 Mets' division
26 Clock's ancestor
28 41, to Cato
29 "humble opinion..."
30 Choosing wisely
37 Had been
39 See 104-Down
40 "The Red Shoes" star
41 Greek letter X
42 "The Hangover" co-star
43 Rushlike plants
45 20-hour-week worker, e.g.
49 3 R's gp.
51 Soapy water

DOWN
12- to 14-year-old girl
115 Webster's lexicon first published in 1951
122 Hoarfrost
123 French novelist
124 River in a Stephen Foster song
125 Skater
126 African living in Kinshasa
127 Dogmas
128 Forest lairs
1 Poisons vapors
2 Relieve
3 Sounded like bumping glasses
4 Mailing out
5 Hit (get hung up)
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7 Despite this
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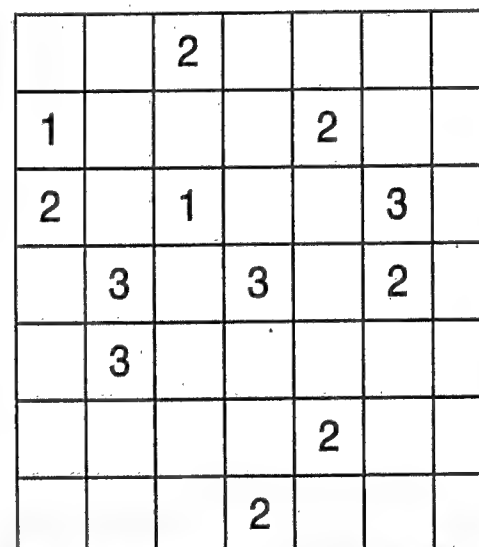
9 Cousin of crazy eights
10 Tailless meower
11 Genus of meowing mammals
12 Nibbled on
13 VCR brand
14 Panhandle
15 Sewing cases
16 12th grader, e.g.
17 Mine haulage tracks
18 1930s-40s serial radio comedy
19 Trio before U
20 Baba linkup
21 Purposes
31 "Alley"
32 Juan's "day"
33 Act human
34 Frozen
35 Resistance units
36 Itty-bitty bite
38 Mets' former ballpark
42 Pertaining to animals
44 Spot
46 Medit. nation
47 Spanish for "very"
48 2.2 in a kg
50 Actor Alan
53 Kimono tie
54 Oahu dance

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56 Some rodent appendages
57 Ear warmer
58 First-aid pro
59 Might
60 Tailless ape, for short
61 Cry on "The Simpsons"
64 Dash gauge
65 Go for (drive briefly)
67 Lush
68 In a tie
69 Dweeb's kin
71 Conniption
72 Bit of cheer?
73 "True —"
78 Dreamed up
80 Thu.-Sat. linkup
81 Protein-making stuff
82 "Take Me as —"
83 Weep noisily
84 Persian Gulf
85 Scoreless tie
86 The Pogues frontman
87 Shale
88 Yoked pair
89 Recaller of faulty meds
92 Player of a game on horseback
93 Port in Papua New Guinea
94 Verb ending in the Bible
95 Sun. church oration
97 Gamboled
98 Arousing
99 Actress
100 Lustrous
104 With 39-Across, spy
107 Traveler
108 Comedy club host, e.g.
109 "Am — risk?"
110 Comic
111 Martha's family
112 Yarn
115 N.Y. Giants' gp.
116 Internet giggle
117 Conk out, as an engine
118 Particular mag.
119 Have a debt
120 Bread from a tandoor
121 Meth- or prop- ending

Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.

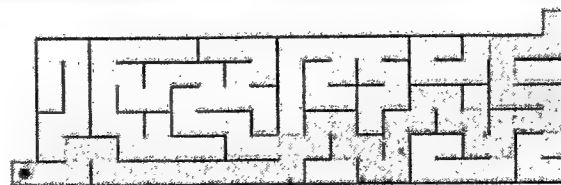


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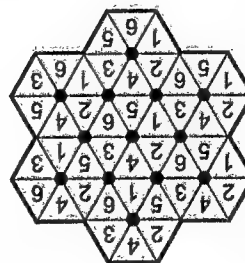
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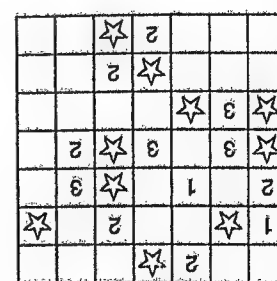
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Rifles for Heroes competition

In conjunction with the Wounded Heroes Program of Maine and the Waterford Fish and Game Association, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Seniors Ryan Bolduc and Aaron Tremblay will be hosting a "Rifles for Heroes Shooting Competition" for their High School Senior project. The competition will take place on Saturday, April 27, starting with a safety briefing at 9:30 a.m. The competition will commence at 10 a.m.

This competition will be timed and incorporate three firing positions, with two stages at 50 yards and 100 yards. The cost to compete is \$10, with all proceeds going to benefit The Wounded Heroes Program of Maine, part of the Warrior Legacy Foundation. Sponsorships and donations are also welcome.

Ryan and Aaron, both seniors at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, have been involved in the Law Enforcement program at the Oxford Hills Technical High School, and the Auburn Police Explorer's Post 333 for several years.

Ryan has enlisted in the US Army to become a Combat Engineer and Aaron will be pursuing a degree at the University of Maine Machias. "We have been lifetime supporters of our nation's military and its veterans and wanted to find a way to give back to the men and women who have been injured fighting for our freedom," said Ryan. "We also wanted to provide the opportunity for our local communities to learn more about the Wounded Heroes Program and how they help our Maine Heroes," said Aaron.

All of the proceeds from this competition go directly to the Warrior Legacy Foundation, for the Wounded Heroes Program of Maine. "The competition is open to anyone and we are hoping for a large law enforcement

and veteran turnout," said Ryan and Aaron.

The Warrior Legacy Foundation's Wounded Heroes Program of Maine is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, all-volunteer organization established to support wounded veterans when they return home after being injured in the line of duty. During a veteran's time of transition, the expenses of daily life become overwhelming, as they are unable to work and need ongoing medical/mental health care.

Wounded Heroes Program provides a safety net by paying rent, utilities, cell phone, heating oil payments and more. Wounded Heroes also provides benefits, guidance, and advocacy so that veterans do not have to navigate the systems on their own. More information can be found at their website, warriorlegacyfoundation.org.

For any questions about the competition please contact Ryan Bolduc at (207) 595-1038 or Aaron Tremblay at (207) 595-5385.

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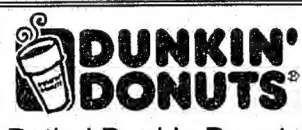
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INVITATION TO BID for Airport Improvements

To Include: Construct General Aviation Terminal Building & Construct Airport Entrance Road and Auto Parking

At the Bethel Regional Airport; Bethel, Maine

Sealed bids for Airport Improvements at the Bethel Regional Airport will be received by the Town Clerk, Bethel Town Office, 19 Main Street, P.O. Box 1660, Bethel, Maine, 04217-1660, until Thursday, May 16, 2013, at 2:00 P.M. local time, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids submitted after this date and time will not be accepted. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked as:

"DO NOT OPEN

SEALED BID

2013 Airport Improvements

Construct GA Terminal Building and Entrance Road

Bethel Regional Airport

Bethel, Maine

AIP Project 3-23-0008-12-2013"

The proposed work is located at the Bethel Regional Airport and consists of providing a modular structure for use as a general aviation terminal, constructing a new airport entrance road, and constructing a ±20 space automobile parking area. This work will include, but is not limited to: building procurement and installation, foundation construction, excavation and embankment construction, pavement removal, fine grading, aggregate base and subbase construction, hot mix asphalt pavement surfacing, landside and airfield pavement markings, chain link fencing, automated access gates, construction of new on-site subsurface waste water disposal field, site utilities including electrical, communication, water and LP gas, site lighting, construction of stormwater runoff drainage basins and culverts, topsoiling, seeding and mulching, and incidental related work.

The on-site contract performance period for completion of the contract is 50 calendar days from the issue date of the "Notice to Proceed". The total contract performance period, including on-site construction work as well as modular building procurement, delivery and installation is 120 calendar days from the date of the contract award. Refer to the Special Provisions of the Contract Documents for specific requirements of project schedule.

Prospective bidders are strongly encouraged to attend a pre-bid project informational meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. local time at the Town Office, 19 Main Street, Bethel, Maine, which will be followed by a project site walk.

Complete sets of the bidding documents may be obtained from Stantec Consulting Services Inc., 482 Payne Road, Scarborough, Maine, 04074 (ph: 207-883-3355) upon payment of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per set, which is non-refundable. Checks must be made payable to the Town of Bethel. Partial sets, separate drawings or individual sections of the documents will not be distributed.

Starting on April 17, 2013, the drawings, specifications and proposal documents may be examined at the offices of Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., 482 Payne Road, Scarborough, ME, Monday-Friday Between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm and at the Bethel Town Office during normal business hours.

Bid security in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the total bid must be submitted with the Bid Proposal. The bid security may be either a certified check or a proposal guaranty bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Maine. Bid security shall be made payable to the Town of Bethel. Bids submitted without security will not be considered.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish as part of the contract:

a 5 percent Maintenance Bond,
a 100 percent Performance Bond, and
a 100 percent Labor and Materials Payment Bond,

and begin execution of this contract within five (5) calendar days following the Notice to Proceed.

Construction under this contract will be funded by Federal Grant under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP), with participation by the State of Maine Department of Transportation and the Town of Bethel (Owner). Award of this contract by the Town will be contingent upon receipt of federal and state funding under the AIP Program. The construction contract, and any changes thereto, will be subject to all applicable requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation / Federal Aviation Administration, the Maine Department of Transportation, and the Town of Bethel. Division 100 - General Conditions of the State of Maine DOT Standard Specifications (latest revision) shall be incorporated as an element of the construction documents and shall govern where the information contained therein is found to be insufficient in the judgment of the Owner.

Wages paid to employees must comply with the minimum established by the U.S. Department of Labor Wage Determination for Oxford County, Maine (included in the Special Provisions of the documents). The contractor must comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, Anti-Kickback Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standard Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Executive Order 11246.

The Town of Bethel has an approved Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program for airport improvement projects which the successful bidder must comply with. A copy of the program may be reviewed at the Town Office during normal business hours. Specific DBE goals for this project are listed within the Bid Proposal Documents.

The Town of Bethel reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any technical or legal deficiencies, and to accept any bid that it may deem to be in the best interest of the Town. No bidder may withdraw its bid for a period of 120 days following the bid opening.

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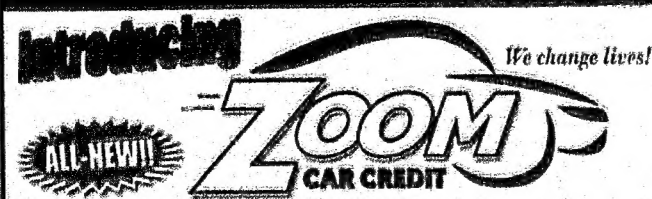
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The Town of Bethel announces that Nomination Papers will be made available at the Town Office on Monday March 18, 2013 for the following elected positions:

Two Selectmen - Three year term

Two Assessors - Three year term

Two School Board Directors - Three year term

Nomination papers need to be returned to the Town office no later than 5:00 PM on April 29, 2013

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**TOWN OF GREENWOOD
REQUEST FOR BIDS**

The Town of Greenwood is now accepting bids for seasonal maintenance for the following locations:

1. Town Office and Town Hall
2. Town Beach
3. Town Fire Station, Locke's Mills & Greenwood City
4. Cemetery's
5. Dunham Park Ballfield's & Playground Area
6. Veteran's Park

Spring clean up and mowing of grass areas as needed. Cemeteries must be mowed before Memorial Day. The bid must include all locations. Bids are due and will be opened at the Greenwood Board of Selectmen's Meeting on May 7, 2013 at 5:00pm at the Greenwood Town Office.

Please contact the Greenwood Town office for more information: 875-2773. Minimum liability insurance is required.

The Greenwood Board of Selectmen reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bethel Board of Selectmen are accepting applications for members to serve on the newly formed Recreational Facilities Committee. Applications must be submitted to the Town Office by noon Wednesday, May 1, 2013. Interested persons may call the Town Office at 824-2669 or email at info@bethelmaine.org for further information.

Invitation to Bid

The Town of Newry is seeking sealed bid offers from qualified contractors for 2013 Roadside Mowing of Town Roads.

Information concerning this bid project may be obtained by contacting the Town Office at 207-824-3123 during office hours Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

All sealed bids must be marked "Roadside Mowing Summer 2013" and be received at the Newry Town Office, 422 Bear River Road Newry, Maine 04261 by 5:00 p.m. on May 2, 2013. Bids to be opened on May 6, 2013 during the Selectmen's meeting.

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Invitation to Bid

The Town of Newry is seeking sealed bid offers from qualified contractors for Road Maintenance for the Summer of 2013 to include designated road maintenance and road repairs.

Information concerning this invitation to bid may be obtained by contacting the Town Office at 207-824-3123 during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 7 am to 5 pm.

All sealed bids must be marked "Road Maintenance Summer 2013" and be received at the Newry Town Office, 422 Bear River Road Newry, Maine 04261 by 5:00 p.m. on May 2, 2013. Bids to be opened on May 6, 2013 during the Selectmen's meeting.

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OXFORD COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT
OXFORD, MAINE
AIP Project No. 3-23-0033-10-2013

Sealed bids for airport improvements at the Oxford County Regional Airport will be received at the Office of the County Administrator, Oxford County Courthouse, 26 Western Avenue, South Paris, Maine 04281 until 2:00 PM local time, Thursday, May 2, 2013 after which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids submitted after this date and time will not be accepted.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked:

SEALED BID
DO NOT OPEN
2013 Airport Improvements
Oxford County Regional Airport
Oxford, Maine
AIP Project No. 3-23-0033-10-2013

Complete paper sets of the bidding documents may be obtained from Ballantine Aviation Consulting Services, PLLC, 66 Montrose Avenue, Portland, Maine, 04103, (207) 400-6037 upon payment of \$100.00 per set. Checks shall be made out to the County of Oxford, Maine. Such payment will not be refunded, and partial sets, separate drawings or individual sections of the bidding documents will not be distributed.

The general provisions, plans, specifications and proposal may be examined at the following locations:

McGraw-Hill Construction - F.W. Dodge: fwdodge.com
Associated General Contractors of Maine,
188 Whitten Road, Augusta, Maine 04330
Construction Summary of Maine,
2331 Congress Street, Portland, Maine 04102

The proposed work will include the construction of approximately 2,135 linear feet of 7-foot chain link fence without barbed wire, 70-foot opening sliding gate, and incidental excavation, grubbing, grading, topsoiling and seeding. The construction performance period for this project will be 21 calendar days.

A County representative will conduct a mandatory prebid meeting with prospective bidders on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 10:00 AM local time at the Oxford County Courthouse in South Paris with a mandatory project site walk to follow at the Oxford County Regional Airport.

Construction under this contract will be funded by a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) with participation by the State of Maine Department of Transportation, and the County of Oxford, Maine. Improvements shall be completed in accordance with all applicable requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the FAA, the MDOT and the County of Oxford.

The contractor must comply with Federal Aviation Regulation Part 152 Subpart E including the Davis-Bacon Act, Anti-Kickback Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standard Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Executive Order 11246. The contractor must pay wages to employees in compliance with the minimum wages established by the latest U.S. Department of Labor Wage Determination for Oxford County, Maine.

The contractor must comply with the County of Oxford Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program for airport improvement projects in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26. The specific DBE goals for this project are listed in the bid documents.

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Obituaries



FRANCES F. GRANT

Frances F. Grant, 89, of Stoneham passed away peacefully on April 14, 2013.

Frances was born in East Stoneham, July 27, 1923, to John and Ethel Files. She attended Stoneham schools and was a graduate of Norway High School. She was happily married to Robert Grant from 1961 until his death in 1993.

Frances was brought up on the farm in East Stoneham and worked in the Norway Shoe Shop for 25 years. She also worked at the Grover Mill clipping dowels while caring for her mother in the 1980s. Frances took over the

Files farm and took care of her beloved cows, cats and other animals. She had a vegetable and flower garden which always was a pleasure for her. She was a loving aunt and great-aunt. She was an active member of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

She is survived by a special sister-in-law, Shirley Grant; cousins, Wilma Taylor and Herbert Adams; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents; her sisters, Doris Files and Eleanor Nelson; and her brothers, Donald Files and John Files Jr.

She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, at the North Waterford Congregational Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Stoneham Rescue Service, or the Oxford County United Parish Church.

Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

County Communications Training Conference held

On Saturday April 6, Oxford County Regional Communications Center sponsored the 3rd annual Communications Training Conference hosted by Chief Tommie McKenzie at Lovell Fire Station. Over 60 first responders from the area were in attendance. Steven Mallory of Maine Emergency Management Agency spoke on coordination of communications during Hurricane Sandy in the Rockaway section of New York City. Chief Darrel Fournier from the Freeport, Maine, Fire Department spoke on responding to major weather disasters and responding with the Maine deployment to Hurricane Sandy, as well as the importance of team work in the Incident Command System, and how to define operations during an emergency. Sheriff Wayne J. Gallant spoke on crime scene preservation, with a focus on sharing tips and ideas that can minimize and mitigate the contamination of crime scene evidence. Discussion also included crime scenes that include death investigation, fire investigations, sexual assault investigations and active school shootings responses.

The keynote speaker for the event was Chief John Oates from East Hartford, Connecticut, Fire Department. His presentation on Response to Violent Incidents included the nine questions you should ask that could help keep your personnel out of harm's way in a potentially violent situation. As tragic events have shown, not every violent incident can be anticipated, but fire, EMS, and law enforcement experts agree that a coordinated response from agencies that work and train together can often make a difference. Chief Oates also facilitated a discussion on how to integrate the nine questions for the response agencies in our communities. The noon time pot roast meal was prepared by the Lovell Fire Department. The conference was funded by an Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program through the Maine Emergency Management Agency.

WMSC generations event preparations

The group has met with seniors twice, and together they have set April 25 as the date for preparing food for the May 2 event. Members of WMSC and Bethel Senior Citizens are helping students decide on the menu and how jobs will be distributed among students and seniors. A quick glance at some of the proposed foods makes one's mouth water.

Another group at TMS is learning about the proposed dog park in Bethel. They met with Steve Wight of Rotary and the dog park supporters' group. They learned about the location for the park and that it will be divided in two parts. One will be for small dogs, and the other for large ones. Moreover, they learned about the proposed rules for the park.

Current goals are to meet with representatives who are supporting the dog park; to learn about their work so far; share some of their creative ideas for the park; and learn how to help in implementation. Among those ideas are getting doggy bag dispensers; a swimming lake for dogs; and making sure that dogs and owners are having fun in a safe environment.

If you haven't already done so, be sure to put May 2, 3 to 5 p.m., on your calendar. And watch this space for more information about cross-generation cooperation in Bethel.

Senior Citizens meet

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met April 10 at the Bethel Methodist Church for their meeting and potluck dinner with 37 members present. President Caroline Gould conducted the meeting, led the salute to the flag, led in singing "God Bless America" and offered a prayer.

Reports were given by Becky Keen and Arlene Lowell. The 50/50 raffle was won by Pat Burnham and the door prize by Marilyn Gilbert.

President Gould passed out questionnaires for members to fill out with suggestions for eating places, trips, programs, etc.

The next meeting will be May 8 at the Bethel Alliance Church, Route 26 across from Telstar High School. Price of lunch is \$10.

Reservations must be made before May 1 by calling Caroline Gould and 824-3226 or Arlene Lowell at 824-2877. Meeting starts at 11 a.m. Valerie Cole from SeniorsPlus will be the speaker.

May 2 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Telstar Middle/High School cafeteria is the celebration of Senior College 10th anniversary and Senior Citizens Club 51st. All are welcome.

April birthdays are: Jodi Carter, Marilyn Gilbert, Fran Head, Mary Deblois, Cathryn Lovejoy and Barbara Yates.

Bridge results

Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge Club met Friday at 9:15 in the Rec. bldg, King Street, Oxford. Finishing first in flight A were Milt McKeen Jr. (Bridgton) and Jim Krainin (Naples) who also were first in flights B and C.

Second in flight A were Elaine Dresser (Bethel) and Dick Penley (West Paris) who also were second in flights B and C, third in flight A were Hazel Glazier (Norway) and Marta Clements (Woodstock) who was also second in flight B.

Fourth in flight A were Peter Cummings (South Paris) and Mike True (Auburn). Finishing third in flight C were Carol Curran (Waterford) and Barbara Vanderzanden (Lovell), fourth in flight C were Linda Smith (Poland) and Jack Neal (Poland). Next Friday there will be another game, same time and place; all bridge players are cordially invited. A partner is always guaranteed. For information contact Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153 or e-mail buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Town of Greenwood Board of Selectmen

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Discussion on Proposed
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Tuesday, April 23rd
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Meet me in my dreams and talk to me
once more, and ease this everlasting
pain that makes my heart so sore.
The road without you is so long,
a tear for every mile,
but I know one day when I reach the end,
you will be waiting for me with a smile.

Love Always,
Mom XOXO

Thank You

Thank you to everyone
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